

ANNO XXI.
HENRICI
OCTAVI.

Henry the eyght by the grace of god king
of England and of Fraunce, defender of
faith, Lord of Irelande, & in earth supreme
hed immediatly vnder Chzist of the church
of England, to the honour of almighty God
cōseruation of the true doctrine of Chzistes
religion, and for the concord quiet & welth
of this his realme and subiects of the same,
helde his moste high court of Parliament,
begonne at Westminster the. xviii. day of
Apryl, and there continued til the. xviii.
day of June, the. xxi. yere of his most
noble and victorious reigne, wher
in were established these
actes folowynge.

Excudebat Londini.

1562.

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common. Capitulo primo.



POr as muche as by the common lawes of this realme dy-
uers of the kinges subiectes, beyng seised of maners lan-
des, tenementes and hereditamentes, as ioynt tenauntes,
or as tenauntes in common, with other of any estate of inhe-
ritaunce, in their owne rightes, or in the right of their wi-
ues, by purchase descent or otherwise, and euery of them so
beyng ioynt tenauntes, or tenauntes in common, haue lyke righte title in-
terest and possession in the same maners landes tenementes, and heredita-
mentes for their partes or porcions iointly or in common vndeuidedly togi-
ther with other, and none of them by the lawe doeth or make knowe their se-
uerall partes or porcions in the same, or that that is his or theirs by it selfe
vndeuided: and can not by the lawes of this realme other wise occupie or
take the profits of the same, or make anie seuerance deuision or partition
therof, without other of their mutuall assentes & consentes: by reason wher-
of diuers and many of them, beynge so iointely and vndeuidedly seised of
the said maners landes tenementes and hereditamentes, oftentimes of theyr
peruers couctous and malicious mindes and willes, against all right, iu-
stice equitie, and good conscience, by strength & power, haue not onely cut
and fallen downe al the woodes and trees growing vpon the same, but al-
so haue extirped subuerted pulled downe, and distroyed al the houses edifi-
cions, and buildinges, medowes pastures, commons, and the wholle com-
modities of the same, and haue taken and conuerted the to their owne vles
and behoues, to the open wzonge and disherison, and against the mindes &
willes of other, holding the same maners landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes iointly or in common with them, and they haue bene alwaies with-
out assured remedy for the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our
most or ad soueraine lord, and by thassent of the lordes spirituall and tem-
porall, and by the commons in this present parliament assembled, that all
ioynt tenauntes, and tenauntes in common that now be, or hereafter shall
be of anie estate or estates of enheritaunce in their owne rightes, or in the
right of their wyues of any maners landes tenementes or hereditamentes
within this realme of Englande, Wales, or the marches of the same, shal &
maie be coacted and compelled, by vertue of this present acte, to make par-
ticion betwene them of all suche maners landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes as they now holde, or hereafter shal holde as ioynt tenants or te-
nantes in comon, by writ De participatione facienda, in that case to be deu-
ised in the king our soueraigne lordes courte of chauncerie, in like maner &
forme as coperceners by the common lawes of this realme haue bene & are
compelled to do, and the same writ to be pursued at the common lawe.

Prouided alwaie and be it enacted, that euery of the saide ioynt tenan-
tes or tenauntes in common, and their heires, after suche particion made,

shall and maie haue aide of the other, or of their heires, to the intent to de-
reigne the warrantie paramount, and to recouer for the rate, as is bled be-
twene coperceners after particion made by the order of the common lawe,
any thing in this act conteined to the contrary notwithstanding.

In acte that fishing in any seuerall ponde stewe or mot
with an intent to steale fishe out of the same
is felony. Cap. ii.



Where as dyuers and many of the lordes knyghtes esqui-
ers gentilmen and other the kinges subiectes within
this his realme, at their greate costes and charges haue
caused to be made within their seuerall groundes many pon-
des stewes and motes, and stozed them with diuers kindes
of fishes, as pykes breames carpes tenches and other fyl-
shes wherof they haue thought to haue had great commoditie, as well for
the pleasure of their freendes, as for their owne commoditie and profite; to-
wardes the necessary findinge of their houses, dyuers and manie lighte
and vncasonable persones of this realme, beyng of no good rule nor hone-
stie, littell or nothinge regarding god, the feare of their soueraigne lord
the kinges highnes, nor his lawes, haue not onely fished the said pondes
stewes and motes as well by night as by daie, with nettes hookes and
baites of diuers sortes, but also with great numbze of misruled personnes,
haue entered into such groundes, and there, with great violence haue bro-
ken vp the heades of the said pondes stewes and motes, and destroyed and
taken the fishe of the same pondes stewes and motes, to the preat displea-
sures and losses of the owners of the saide pondes stewes and motes, and
contrary to all good reason right and conscience. Wherefore be it enacted
by the kinge our saide soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spiri-
tuall and tempozall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assem-
bled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that as well all maner of fischinges
with any nettes hookes or baytes, of what kynde so euer they be, in any se-
uerall ponde stewe or mote, with an intende to steale fylshe out of the same,
done or committed at anie time after the feast of the Natiuitee of saincte
John Baptiste nexte comminge, that is to saie, in the .xxxi. yere of the
reigne of our saide soueraigne lord, from the houre of syxe in the euen-
tyde, vnto the houre of syxe in the morninge, against the willes and myn-
des of the owners or possessioners of suche pondes stewes or motes, as
also the vnlawfull breakynge vp of the heade of anie seuerall ponde stewe
or mote, by daie or by night, after the said feast, without colour of tytyle
so to do, wherby anie fishe of the same ponde stewe or mote, is taken or de-
stroyed, against the will or minde of the owner or possessioner of the same,
be to al intentes demed taken and adiudged felony: and that those pcrsones
so offendinge, shall haue and suffer all suche peines of deathe, and punysh-
mentes

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nientes, as other felons ought to haue and suffre for felony by the courtes of the lawes of this realme.

And also be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if anye suche euill disposed persons, after the feast before limited, dooe fische in the daie time, or any other time the is before reherced, in any such seueral ponde, stewes, or mores, with any maner of nettes hokes or bailes, as is aforesaid, what kind so euer they be of, against the wil pleasure & mind of the owners or possessors of the same seueral ponde, stewes or mores, not hauinge any maner of colour of title so to do, and therof be lawfully conuicted at the suite of our soueraigne lord the kinge, or the partie greued: that then the said parties so conuicted, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of thre monethes, and after the said thre monethes expired, shall finde sufficient suretie for his or their good aberinge, or els to remaine still in prison without baile or maineprie, vnto such tyme he or they can finde suche suretie.

An act changing the custome of Gauekynde. Cap. iii.



The kyng our soueraigne lord, for diuers consieracions his maiestie mouinge, by auctoritee of this his high courte of parliament, enacteth ordeineth and establissheth, that as well al the lordshippes, maners, landes, tenementes, woodes, pastures, rentes seruises, reuercions, remainders, aduousons and al other what so euer hereditaments set lying and being within the countie of Kent, of the whiche Thomas Crumwell knight of his honorable order of the Garter lord Crumwell of Wimbeldon lord priuie seale, Thomas Burgh knight lord burgh, George Broke knight lord Cobham, Andrew Windsoe knight, lord Windsoe, Thomas Cheine knight treasurer of our said soueraigne lord the kinges most honorable housholde, Christofer Hales knight master of the Rolles of our said soueraigne lordes court of Chancery, Thomas Willoughby knight one of the iuges of the kinges court of the comon place, Anthony Saintleger knight Edward wotton knight, Edward Boueton knight, Roger Cholmeleie knight serieaunt at lawe, John Champneys knight, John Baker squyer our said soueraigne lord the kinges generall attorneie, Reinolde Scotte squier, John Guldorpe squier, Thomas Kempe squier, Edward Thwaitis squier, William Roper squier, Anthoine Sandes squier, Edward Isaac squier, Perciuall Hartesquier, Edward Monyns, squier, William Whetnall squier, John Fogge squier, Edmund Fetyplace squier, Thomas Hardyes squier, William Waller squier, Thomas Wylford squier, Thomas Hoile squier, Thomas Harlakinden squier, Gessrey Lee squier, James Hales, Henry Halsee, and Thomas Roidon gentlemen, or any of them is or be seised to his or their owne vse or vles, in fee simple or in fee taile, the whiche now bene of the tenure and nature of Gauekynde & heretofore haue bene departed, or be departible betwene heires males, by the

custome of Gauekynde, shall from henceforth be clerely changed from the said custome tenure and nature of Gauekynde, and in no wise hereafter be departed or departible by the said custome of Gauekynde, betwene heires males, but shall remayne reuert abyde descende come and be after and according as lordships maners landes tenementes and other hereditaments do or maie descende remayne reuert abyde come or be, according to the common lawe of this realme, and as other maners landes & tenementes being in the said countie of Kent, which neuer were holden by seruite of socage, but be & alwaies haue ben holden by knight seruite, do descende remain reuert abyde come and be: And in like maner to descende, and be descendable, remayne reuerte come and be inheritable to the heire or heires, after and accordinge to the saide common lawes of this realme of England. And that all and singular the saide lordshippes, maners, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes with thappurtenances of the saide lord Crumwell lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lord Windsoz, Thomas Cheine, Christopher Hales, Thomas willoughby, Anthony Seintleger, Edward wotton, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeleie, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinolde Scotte, John Guldsozde, Thomas Kempe, Edward Thwaites, William Roper, Anthonie Sandes, Edward Isaac, Perciual Harte, Edward Monyns, william whetnall, John Fogge, Edmund Fetiplace, Thomas Hardzes, william waller, Thomas willsozde, Thomas Hoile, Thomas harlakinden squier, Gessrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Hulse and Thomas Roidon, or of anie of them, and which befoze the makinge of this acte haue bene of the said nature and tenure of Gauekynde in the saide countie of Kent, shall from henceforth be accepted taken inherited demed and iudged to be, like as lordshippes maners landes tenementes and other hereditamentes at the common lawe of this realme, and in such maner and fourme as if the same maners lordships lands tenementes and other hereditamentes had neuer ben of the said nature of Gauekynd, any blage or custome in the said countie of Kent hertofore had accepted or bled to the contrary not withstanding. Sauing alwaies and reseruinge to all & singuler persons, other then the saide lord Crumwel, lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lord Windsoz, Thomas Cheine, Christopher Hales, Thomas willoughby, Anthony Seintleger, Edward wotton, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeley, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinold Scot, John Guldsozde, Thomas Kempe, Edward thwaites, william Roper, Anthony Sandes Edward Isaac, Perciual harte, Edward Monyns, william whetnal, John Fogge, Edmund Fetiplace, Thomas Hardzes, william waller, Thomas willsozde, Thomas Hoile, Thomas harlakinde squier, Gessrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Hulse, & Thomas roidon, or any of them, & to euery of the apent aniother of them al such right tyle interest & inheritance as the or any of the had befoze y making of this acte, of to or in any of y saide maners lades tenes woodes pastures retes seruices reuertions remainders aduousons & other y pmisses, as if this pient acte had neuer be had nor made.

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An act concerning the amending of the river and porte of Exeter. Ca. lxxx.



A most humble wise shewen vnto your highnes your true and faithful iudges, the maire bailiffes & communitie of your cite of Exeter, that where of olde antiquite aswel the citizens and dwellers within your saide citee as all other both denizens and straungers, applien and coming from any partes of beyond the sea, or of this resme, to your porte of Exeter, haue had course and recourte with their shippes, botes and vessels goods and marchandises in the river of Exe, to and from the high sea, vnto your saide citee, to the great comoditie comon welth and profit of your saide citee, & all the countrey therabout, as by diuers recordes and writings remaining as well in your saide citee, as also at Westm, plainly doth appere: whiche commoditie of long time hath ben so distroied and letted by weires, & dringings of sandes and grauel, by course of the water into the saide river, and other lettes and noisances, that at this day, and of long time past, shippes, botes and vessels haue not had ne yet can haue their course to and from your saide citee, as of old time they haue had, by reason wherof your saide suppliantes of longe time haue ben and yet be compelled and enforced to carie their goods and marchandises from the ships, botes, and vessels to your saide citee by lande, to their verely charges of cccc. markes sterlinges and aboute, beside greate hurtes and losses taken in their saide goodes & marchandises by the cariers of the same, which hath not onely ben and yet dayly is to the great hurte decay & enpo- uerishing of the marchauntes of your saide citee, but also of the countrey ther- aboutes by reason of the ouersflowing & drowning of the medowes pastu- res and grounde lying by the saide river, with the high springes of the sea & the fluddes of the fresh water coming to the saide river, & by reaso of which charges susteined in cariyng their goods and marchandises by land vnto y^e saide citee, as is beforesaid, the marchantes and owners of the saide wares and marchandises, are driven to sell the same muche more derer than they would do, if the saide marchandises might be coueied and brought vnto the saide citee by water, to the great hurte and prejudice of all your graces sub- iectes in the saide parties: for reformation wherof, it may please your high- nes, of your most noble and abundant grace, with the assent of your lordes spiritual & tempozall, and the comons in this present parliament assembled & by auctoritie of the same, to enacte, ordeine and establishe, that it may and shalbe lawfull at all times after the feast of Easter now next commuige, to your saide suppliantes maire, bailiffes & communitie of your saide citee of Exeter, and their successours, to plucke downe, dig, moine, breake banke & cast vp al and all maner of weires rockes, sandes, grauel & other lettes and noisances, what so euer they be in the saide river, and also in other places & ground conuenient and necessary for the same, whose so euer they be, lying betwene your saide citee & the high sea, and further to do and make al other thinges requisite and necessary, wherby the saide ships botes & vessels may haue

have their sure course and recourse in the said river, to and from your
said citee, and there to charge and discharge the sayde goodes and mar-
chandises without let or disturbance of any person or persones, geuyng
and paying therfore vnto the lord or lordes owner and owners of the soyle
where such digging and mining shalbe, in recompence and satisfaction of
and for the lande and ground so to be digged and mined, after the rate of
xx. yerres purchase, or els as much for y^e same, as shal be adiudged or deined
and determined by the kinges iustices of assise in the county of Denon for
the time beyng, the election and libertie of which recompence and satisfac-
tion so to be had, to be at the choise of the lordes and owners of the said lan-
des and tenementes, without any let denier vexacion or trouble of the said
lord lordes owner & owners, or any other person or persones, by suete in the
lawe or otherwise, vpon paine of forfaiture of .xx. li. of lefull money of En-
gland, for every time that thei or any of them do attempt the contrary ther-
of, wherof the one halfe shalbe to our said soueraigne lord, & the other half
to him or them, that will sue therfore by action of det bill plaint or informa-
cion in any the kinges courtes, wherin the partie defendant shal not wage
his law, nor in the said action actions or suites any essoine licence nor pro-
tection shalbe allowed. And also geuyng and payng to the tenautes fer-
mers and occupiers of such lande or grounde for such hurte and losses, as
they or any of them, shall susteine and haue by the same, as much as shal be
assessed adiudged and determined by the said iustices of assises in the said
countie of Denon for the time being, or by such persons as by them shal be
assigned and deputed for the same. The said recompence and satisfaction
as well concerning the lord and owners of the said land and ground, as
to the tenautes, fermers and occupiers of y^e same, to be paid by the maire
bailiffes and comminaltie of the said citee for the time beyng, and their suc-
cessours within the space of sixe weekes next after the rating assessing and
determining of the same, onlesse that the maire bailiffes and comminaltie
of the said citee, & their successours can otherwise compound or agree with
the lordes, owner, tenants, fermers, and occupiers of such land & ground
or with any of them. And in case it happen the maire bailiffes and commi-
naltie of the said citee to make defaute of payment of the said recompence &
satisfaction, and resist to pay the same, as is befoze reherced, that than the
lordes, lordes, owner, owners, tenants, fermers, or occupiers of such land or
grounde, that is greued therwith, and to whom the satisfaction & recom-
pence ought to be paid, shall and may lawfully comience afterme or take
his or their action of det by the course of the comon law, against the maire
bailiffes, & comminaltie of the said citee for the time beyng, & their succes-
sours for the recouerie of the same in any countie within this realme, at the
will and pleasure of the partie greued, and like p^{ro}ces therupon to be had
as in actions of det at the common law, grounded vpon contract or special-
ties, hath bled to be had, in the whiche actions of dette suite or suites to be
had, no wager of lawe, essoine, licence, nor protection shalbe allowed.

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An act wherby the kinges manour of Hapton court is made an
honour and a new chafe thereto belongung. Cap. v.

Has much as it hath pleased the king our most excellent & most
gracious soueraine lord of late to erect builde and make a goodly
sumptuous beautifull and princely manour, decent & cōuenient
for a king and the same hath ornated with parkes, gardenes,
orchardes & other thinges of great commoditie and pleasure
therunto adioyning, mete & partinent to his royall maiestie, most requisite
for the prosperous continuance of his most royal persō, which the subiectes
of this his realme most entierly aboue all worldly thinges chiefly desire of
almightie god: his grace insuing the aduancement & amplification of his
reasonable & princely cōmodities to be nie unto his said manour, heretofore
of late hath assigned & limited a certaine territory or grounde for a chafe
therof to be made, for nourishyng generacion and feeding of beastes of be-
nerie, and of foules of wares: and for forniture and perfection thereof, the
kinges maiestie by indenture made betwene his grace on the one part, and
sir Richard Page knight, Thomas Hennage esquier, John carleton, John
Agmondsham, Thomas a Downe gentilman, Robert Alcetour, Robert
Hamond, & diuers other honest and substanciall men, named in the said in-
denture, for & in the name of all free tenants, hauing any estate of inher-
ritance, & in the name of al customarie tenants, hauing any estate of inher-
ritance by custome, of or in any landes or tenementes, within the precinctes
of the said territory or ground, limited and assigned for the said chafe &
wares, hath certainly & plainly declared the precinctes, limittes, ambites,
& boundes of the same territory or ground, & his graces liberties, priu-
leges & cōmodities to be had in & vpon the same, the tenor of which said in-
denture hereafter plainly and fully ensueth, that is to say: this indenture
made the first day of October, in the .xxix. yere of the reigne of our most ex-
cellent and most gracious soueraine lord Henrie the eight, by the grace of god,
king of England and Fraunce defender of the faith, lord of Ireland, and
in erth supreamer hed of the church of England, betwene the same our soue-
rain lord & king of thone partie, and sir Richard Page knight, Thomas
Hennage esquier, John Carleton, John Agmondsham, Thomas a Downe
gentilman, Robert Alcetour, Robert Hamonde, Thomas Stragforde, Ri-
chard Wiker, John a Gate thelder, John a gate & yonger, Willia Stak-
forde, John Boughton, Richard Biers, Germain Bandal, John Wolfe,
william Flouter, Richard hunt, John Cony, Robert Parker, william ticz,
Richard wheteley, robert Noztrige, John Machin, John barō, Richard
woodclerk the yōger, John clere, John grenette, Richard herwarde, chri-
stopher poufreit, Richard wolf, John bulworth, Thomas driuer, Thomas
horringham, John Noztrige, william west, John hardwin, richard new-
mā, John hamond & yonger, John blake, John Daly, George thew, Cle-
ment iatted, John hamond thelder, Ambrose Grenette, Walter caluerley,
richarde

Richard Ale, Lionel Browne, Robert hall, Thomas Harthe, Thomas Shete, John Beriman, John London, John Woodhous, John Greene, and John Wolfe, for and in the name of all free tenants, having any estate of inheritance, and in the name of all customary tenants, having any estate of inheritance by custom of and in any landes or tenementes within the lordships manours townes & villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Esher, Weibridge, and parte of Cobham, and other parishes, villages and hamlettes, what so ever they be within the limits of the chace that is named to be called Hampton court chace, of the other part, witnesseth, that where our said soueraigne lord the king hath of late erected builded and made within the countie of Middelsex, a goodly sumptuous house beautifull and princely manour, meete and convenient for a kinge, and the same endowd with parkes, orchardes, garden, and other great commodities and pleasures therunto adjoining and belonging, and his grace intending the prosperous continuance and preservation as well of his moste roiall person, as for the furnishing of the manour with manifolde thinges of pleasure, for the disporte, pastime, comforte, and consolation of his highnesse, his heires and successours, his graces pleasure is to erecte and make a chace about the said manour, for the encrease of venery and foule of warren, whiche chace shall be called Hampton court chace: and that the said lordships, maners, townes, and villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Esher, Weibridge, and parte of the towne or village of Cobham, in the countie of Surff, & all landes, tenementes, medowes, lewes, woodes, and pastures lieng and beyng within the limites, metes and boundes hereafter declared, shalbe had reputed, and taken within the saide chace, and to be patcell therof to all intents and purposes, which metes and boundes are limited apointed and do extend as foloweth: that is to wit, at & from the Chennies side, on the south side of the maner of Hampton court directly as the pale shall be newly erected made and set to Cobham, and so forth, as the pale shall leade and be set aboute Cobham parke pale, of Byllette parke, and from thens folowynge the same pale to the water of weye, and so forth by the southe side of the river of weye, and the river of Thames, unto the first commencement and beginning of the saide pale. wherfore it is condescended grauted concluded and fully agreed betwene the said parties to these indentures by these presentes. And our saide soueraygne lord the king in accomplishment of his graces pleasure, by these presentes doth ordeine make erecte publish and declare the saide chace. And that the sayde lordships manours townes and villages of Estmulsey, Westmulsey, Walton, Esher, Weibridge, and parte of cobham, and all landes, tenementes, medowes, woodes, lewes, and pastures, lying and being within the limites, metes and boundes afoze named, shall be from henceforth free chace and warren for all maner beastes of venery and foule of warren, and shal haue all such and like liberties, iurisdiccions and preeminences as any auncient chace or forrest within this realme hath or of right ought to haue: and every person

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person and persons, that shall fortune hereafter to trespassse or offend within the said new chafe, shall incurre and runne into like daunger, penalties, losse and forfeiture, as if the same offence had bene done or committed in any other chafe or forest within this realme of Englande: And that the saide new chafe from hensforth named and called Hampton courte chafe. And it is further condiscended, graunted, and agreed betweene the sayde parties by these presentes, and our saide soueraigne lord the kyng for him his heires and successours, promyleth, graunteth, and agreeth to and with the saide sir Richarde Page, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and all other the saide tenauntes and freeholders, their heires and assignes, that it shall be lawfull to the same sir Richarde Page, Thomas Hennage, John Agmondesham, John Carleton, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes aboue named, and to all other persons, beyng freeholders within the saide chafe to euery of them, their heires and assignes, to felle, cutte downe and carie away at all time and times hereafter at his or their pleasure, all and parcell of his or their woodes, groues, coppies, and springes, growyng and beyng within the saide chafe, without licence of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, or of any officer within the saide chafe, and without let and interruption of the same officers, or any of them. And also that it shall be lawfull to the saide sir Richarde Page, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenantes aboue named, and all other persons as well freeholders as copie holders as customarie tenauntes within the limittes of the saide chafe, and to euery of them, their heires and assignes, at all time and times hereafter, to make their hedges and fences aboute their cozne, growyng upon their owne grounde within the saide chafe, at their owne will and pleasure, to kepe out the dere therof, during al such time onely, as the cozne shall growe upon the same grounde. And that the officers of the saide chafe during the same time, shall suffre the same hedges, and fences to stand and to remaine to thentent aboue saide. And after euery such time as the cozne shall be serued and caried away, it shall be lawfull to the officers of the sayde chafe, to make dere leapes and breakes in the saide hedges and fences, for and to the entent that the dere may haue course and recourse into the grounde, where the cozne was sownen, for their feeding, during all suche time as the same landes shall be and remayne unsownen.

And in consideration therof, our sayde soueraygne lord the kinge, for him, his heires and successours, is pleased and contented, that his and their officers of the reuenues within the limittes of the same chafe, shall yerely for euer at euery paiemente, desalke, allotte, and deducte the thirde parte of the free rente, that euery freeholder oughte to paye for their seuerall freeholdes, within the limittes of the same chafe. And also the kinges highnesse is pleased and contented, that where any customarie tenaunt, or tenauntes hauinge any estates of inheritance in any customarie

many landes or tenementes within the said chafe, after the custome of any maner there, wherof the same customarie landes or tenementes being holden, for the which customarie landes or tenementes, the next heire of euerye suche customarie tenaunt, after the death of his auncestour, by and accordinge to the same custome ought to paye fine, in euerye suche case the kinges officers of the reuenues within the said chafe, shal defalke, deduct, and allow to the next heire of euerye such tenaunte, dyng seised of any customary landes or tenementes within the limittes of the saide chafe, the moitie or halfe of euerye suche fine, that he by the saied custome ought to paie for his landes there: the same fine to be rated and assessed after the rate of the fine that the same tenaunt so dyng seised, laste paid to the lord thereof, for the same landes or tenementes, and not otherwise. And that the moitie of euerye such fine be contained in euerye copie, that hereafter shalbe made to any suche tenaunte, by the officers of the courtes of euerye suche manour within the limittes of the saide chafe. And the said sir Richard Page, Thomas Pennage, John carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenautes and freholders of the saide lordshippes, manours, townes, and villages of Elmullesey, Westmullesey, Walton, Cher, Weybridge, and parte of Cobham, doo couenaunt and graunte, and euery of them for him and his heires couenaunteth and graunteth to and with out saide soueraigne lord the kynge, his heires and successours, that they and all other the tenautes and freholders, within the limittes of the sayde chafe, and euery of them, shal at all times hereafter stande to obey, persourne, and keepe, within the sayde chafe, all and singuler such lawes, ordinaunces, penalties, fines, and amerciamentes, as appertaine to a chafe, and all suche as hereafter shal bee prouided or made by any lawe statute, concernynge the preseruacion or maintenaunce of the sayde chafe: excepte and onely reserued to the sayde tenautes, all suche liberties and commodities befoze by these presentes vnto them appointed and limited within the saide chafe: In witnesse wherof our sayde soueraigne lord the kynge to the one parte of these presentes Indentures, remainyng with the saide freholders and customarie tenautes hath caused his greete seale of Englande to be put, and to the other parte of the same Indentures, remainyng with out saide soueraigne lord the kinge, the saide freholders and customarie tenautes, aswell for them selfe as in the name of all other tenautes and inhabitants within the limittes of the saide chafe, haue put to their seales, the day & yere aboue written. Be it therfoze enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, & the saide Indenture shal persiste continue and abide good effectual and in full strength and vertue, according to the worde tenour & effect thereof. And that the kinge our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours for euer, shal haue and enioy their liberties and priuileges, commoditees and pleasures of free chafe and warren for all maner of beastes of venery, and fowles of warren, within and vpon the saide townes villages and parishes of Elmullesey

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Estmulsey, Westmulsey, walton, Esher, weibzidge, and part of Cobham, and in al other places and groundes, lyng or beinge within the pꝛocintes limittes and boundes of the said territoꝛie or grounde limited and assigned by the saide Indenture foꝛ the said chace and warren. And that the same territoꝛie or grounde shall be called named and known by the name of Hampton court chace. And that all and singuler transgressours and offendours taken known or pꝛoued to haue committed or done anie maner of offence, within or vpon the said chace or warren, contrary to the foꝛme or effecte of any parte of the saide indenture, shall incurre and fall into like daungers, penalties, and forfaitures, as any other lyke offendours, committing or doing any wꝛonge trespass or offence in any other forest or chace within this realme, maie do or shall do.

And furthermoze be it enacted, that our said soueraigne loꝛde the king, his heires and successours, at his and their lybettie and pleasure, maie make constitute and assigne suche and as manie officers, ministers, and keepers, in foꝛ and vpon the saide chace and warren, as to him or them fro time to time shall be thought behouefull conuenient and necessarie. And that all and singuler lawes actes and statutes heretofore made, concerning the keeping nourishinge encrease and suppoꝛtacion of anie of the forestes, chaces, and warrens of this realme, or anie of them, or towoching or concerning directions coꝛrections penalties refoꝛmacions or punishmentes foꝛ any maner of offences done or committed within any suche forestes chaces or warrens, shall be from hensfoꝛth extended and executed into & vpon all transgressours and offendours in the said chace called Hampton court chace, and into or vpon the said warren of the same.

And because that the said manour of Hampton court is thus, as is aforesaid, decorated and enuironned with thinges of high and pꝛincely commodities. Be it further enacted by auctozitie of this pꝛesent parliament, & the manour of walton vpon Temmes in the saide countie of Surꝛ, being parcell of the duchie of Lancaster, & the manour of walton Leghe, in the saide countie of Surꝛ, late purchased by the kinges highnes of Gyles Leghe esquier decessed, and the house of Otelande, and al landes tenementes rentes seruises and hereditamentes in weibzidge walton and Chartesley, in the saide countie of Surꝛ, late purchased by the kinges highnes of John Bede, sonne and heire to William Bede, and the manors of Wyflete and weibzidge in the saide countie of Surꝛ, being parcell of the duchie of Coꝛnewall, and all the landes and tenementes in walton & weibzidge aforesaid, late purchased by the kinges highnes of John Goldewell, and his wife, and all those landes and tenementes in walton aforesaid, late purchased by the kinges highnesse of John Carleton, and the manour of Estmulsey in the saide countie of Surꝛ, late purchased by the kinges highnesse of the pꝛesident and the scholers of Corpus Christi Colledge in Oxfoꝛde, and the manour of Mulsey in the saide countie of Surꝛ, whiche late belonged to the late Monasterie of Marten, in the saide county

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countie of Surrey: And the manour of Sandon in the saide countie of
Surre late purchased by the kinges highnes of the maister and bzetherne
of the hospital of saint Thomas Spittle in Southwarke, in the saide cou-
tie of Surrey: And the manour of Weston in the saide countie of Surrey
late purchased by the kinges highnes of the abbelle and couent of the mo-
nastery of Barking in the countie of Essex: And the manour of Imworth
in the saide countie of Surre, late purchased by the kinges highnes of
Thomas duke of Norff. And the manour of Cher in the saide countie of
Surre, late purchased by the kinges highnes of the reuerende father in
god Stephen byshop of Wynchester: and the landes and hereditamentes
with thappurtenances called Heitwood, lyng within the saide chace, whiche
late belonged to the late prioie of Newark in the saide county of Surre.
And all those manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, lyng with
in the saide chace, whiche sir Richard Page knight hath lately bargained
and sold vnto our saide soueraigne lord the kinge: and all landes tenemē-
tes and hereditamentes, whiche be the saide sir Richard Pages, lyng &
being within the saide chace: And all other manours landes tenemēts ren-
tes reuercions seruices and hereditamentes, within the limittes and ter-
ritorie of the same chace, whiche the kinges highnes before this time hath
opteined bought or purchased of anie person or persones, bodies politike or
corporate. And all the fee ferme or yerely rente or annuitie of the borough
or town of Kingston vpon Temmes, in the saide countie of Surrey, and
the manours of Hanneworth and Kynton, otherwise called Coldkenning-
ton, and the parke of Hanneworth and Coldkennington, in the countie of
Midd. And the manour of Felthem in the saide countie of Midd. whiche
manour of Feltham was late purchased by the kinges highnes of the ma-
ster and bzetherne of the hospitall of Burtonlazer in the countie of Leyce-
ster, and the manour of Codrington in the saide countie of Middellsex, late
purchased by the kinges highnesse of the abbote and couente of the mona-
strie of Westminster, in the countie of Middellsex: and all landes tene-
mentes and hereditamentes, lyng in the parishe of Hampton in the
saide countie of Middellsex, late purchased by the kinges highnesse of
Thomas Arthure, Thomas Goue, John Unidale, John Upton, Tho-
mas Elys, and John Lewes, or of any of them, And all landes, tenemē-
tes, and hereditamentes, in the parishe of Hanneworth, in the saide coun-
tie of Midd, late purchased by the kinges highnesse of John Williams,
John Combes, Richard Harris, William Couper, Robert wattes, Tho-
mas Fitzwater, Richard Laurence, Thomas Carpenter, John Bickes,
Paule Coke, and the person of the parishe of Hanworth aforesaide, or of
any of them, and all the landes and tenementes in Kenten, in the saide cou-
tie of Midd. lately purchased by the said our soneraign lord the king, of the
maister and bzetherne of the hospitall of Sauoy, in the countie of Midd.
And al other maners landes tenements and hereditamentes in Kingston
Hanworth, Kenton, Coldkennington, Feltham, Codrington, & Hampton,
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whiche our saide fouveraine lord the kinge, before this time hath bought purchased or obtained of any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate shall from henceforth be perpetually united annexed demed reputed & taken to be parte parcell and membez of the saide manour of Hampton court. And that the same manour of Hampton court, together with all other the saide manours landes tenementes and other the premisses aboue rehearsed and specified, so united and annexed to the same manor of Hampton court, shall from henceforth be named called accepted and taken the honour of Hampton court. And that the saide manour of Hampton court shall from henceforth be the chiefe and capitall place and parte of the saide honour of Hampton court.

CBe it also further enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the said honour and chace of Hampton court, and all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, & other the premisses aboue rehearsed, shall from henceforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernance of the court of Augmentacions of the reuenues of our fouverain lord the kinges crowne, and to be graunted let and let to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in such maner and fourme as other the manours landes & tenementes, appointed to the same court, ben or ought to be letten or graunted. And that all the fermes issues reuenues and profits, comminge and growinge of the premisses, and of euerie parte therof, shall be taken and receiued to the kinges vse, by the ministers and officers of the same court, in such maner and fourme as is vsed and had of other manours landes and tenementes committed to the order suruey and gouernaunce of the said court of augmentacions: any act statute or dinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And furthermoze be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singular the tenants, as well freeholders and copyholders, or other, and all and singular personnes, whiche owe suite to anie of the saide manours, or to anie leete or lawdaie, to be holden within the precinct of any of them and the heires successours and assignes of eueri of the saide tenants, shall do their suites seruices and customes, and paie their rentes to the said sundry manours, and in such times, as they did and ought to do before the makyng of this present acte. And that the saide tenants and suiters or anie of them, or the heires, successours, or assignes of them or anie of them, at anie time hereafter, shall not be charged nor chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be compelled to do or paie the same in anie other place or places, nor anie of the seuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged, otherwise then they were or ought to do or be before the makinge of this acte, or anie thinge therein contained to the contrarie notwithstanding. Saving alwaie and reseruing to all & singular free tenants and customary tenants of any landes tenementes and hereditamentes, liying or being within the precinct limites and bondes of the said chace, called Hampton court chace, specified &

declared by the saide indenture, and to the heires successours & assignes of euery of them, al and singuler liberties profits commodities and aduantages to them apperteyninge, according to the true intent and pleasure of our saide soueraigne lord the kinge, signified and declared by the same indenture, any thing in this acte aboue written notwithstanding.

Provided alwaie, that this acte, or anie thinge therein contained, shal not be prejudiciall or hurtfull to anie person or persons, their heires executors successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or covenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or anie of them, of the saide manours and other the premises, or anie part or parcell therof, by any person or persons, beinge owners of the saide manours landes and tenementes and other the premises, or anie parte or parcell therof, or by any of their ancestours or predecessours, or by any person or persons lawfully aucthorised by them or any of them, for any demise lease or graunt therof made.

Saving alwaie to all and euerie person and persones, their heires successours executors and assignes, other then such persons, as were parties or priue to the bargaines sales giftes or grauntes of the saide manours and other the premises, or anie parte therof, and their wiues their heires and successours, and the wiues heires and successours of euery of them, al suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes for terme of lyfe lues yerres otherwile, & all grauntes liberties rentes charges profits covenantes and al other commoditie and commodities, which they or any of them haue, might or ought haue, or hereafter shall or shoulde haue, in or to the premises, or any parte or parcell of them, in such manner and fourme, as though this acte, or any thinge therein contained to the contrary therof had neuer ben had nor made, any thing in this present acte to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

And for as muche as the saide manours of Byflete and Weibridge, before the making of this acte were parcell of the Duchie of Cornewall, and now separated and taken from the same by reason of this acte. Be it therefore enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the manour of Shippon, with thappurtenances, in the countie of Berk. whiche lately belonged to the late monastery of Abendon, in the same countie of Berk. nowe dissolved, shall from hensforth be vnited and annexed to the saide Duchie of Cornewall, and shalbe accepted and taken for and as part and parcell of the same Duchie of Cornewall, in suche lyke manner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the saide manours of Byflete and Weibridge were before the makinge of this acte, and that the same manour of Shippon, and the issues reuenues and profits therof, shall from hensforth be surueied received and answered by and before suche persons, officers, and ministers, and in suche lyke manner and fourme, as other the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, parcell of the saide Duchie of Cornewall, be and shalbe surueied received and answered.

Provided alwaie that this acte, or any thinge therein contained, and not
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be preiudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, their heires, executors, successors, or assignes, or any dimities leases offices grantes or couenantes heretofore had made or graunted to to them or any of them, of the saide manour of Shippon, or anye part or parcell therof, by our soueraigne lord the kinge, or by anye other person or persons, being owner or owners of the same manour of Shippon, this act, or any thing therein contained to the contrary therof not withstanding.

An acte that suche as were religious persons maie purchase, sue and be sued in all maner of actions. Cap. vi.



It enacted by auctorite of this present parliament that al any singular suche religious person, aswel men as women professed, of what order rule or habite so euer they wer whiche be, or hereafter shalbe put at their liberties fro the danger seruitude and condicion of their religion & profession, wherunto thei were professed, by reason of suppression dissoluinge forsaiture by atteinder, rendringe or otherwoyse gyuinge to the handes of the kinges maiestie, or any other the same monasteries, abbeyes priories, or other religious houses or places, wherin the same religious persons were professed, shal by auctorite of this present parliament, from & after the first daie of the same parliament, and from & after the time, that they were or shalbe put at suche libertie, haue fre libertie to purchase to the and their heires in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of lyfe for yeres or at will manors landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditamentes & thinges, what so euer they be, in like maner and fourme, as though they or any of them had neuer ben professed, nor entered in to any such religion. And furthermoze, that they the same religious persons, and euery of them shal be made able by auctorite of this present acte: to sue and be sued in all maner of actions plaintes and luites, what so euer they bee, of and for any matter or cause growinge lithens and after the time of their seueral deraignementes or departinge out of their religion, in all courtes and places within this realme, as other the kinges subiectes be. And furthermoze that they and euery of them, shal and maie fro hensforth, vse and exercise, receiue take haue and enioie all and euerie lawfull thinge and thinges to be growen fall or happened to them or any of them, after the said deraignement or departing out of their religion, in as large & ample maner forme and condicion, as if they had neuer ben professed nor entred into religion, the same profession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse within this realme to the contrarie therof in any wise not withstanding.

Prouided alwaies, and be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that none of the same religious persons, shal or maie at anye time hereafter be taken demed or iudged for or as heire or heires or inheritable to any person or persons to any purpose respect construction or intent in the law, nor by thei

nor any of them by vertue of this act be receiued admitted or demed able in in the lawe, to demande challenge receiue or take any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any other thing or thinges, by reason of or for any former title right interest matter or cause, had made done or growen to any respecte or purpose, befoze the said seueral deraignementes or departinges out of their religion. Nor that any of the said religious persons being priests, or suche as haue auowed religion at .xxi. yeres or aboue, and therto then consented, continuing in the same any while after, not duelye prouing by witnesse or other lafull meanes some vnlawfull coercion or compulsion done to them or anye of them, for making of any such vow, or constraining them to remaine in their religiō be enabled by vertue of any wordes clause or sentence befoze in this acte expressed, to marie or take any wyfe or wyues, but that they and euery of them be clerely excluded and put from the same to all intentes and purposes: anye thinge befoze in this acte conteined to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

CAn acte concerning the continuance of the statute for punishment of beggers and vacabundes, and of certayne other statutes. Cap. vii.



Here in the parliamēt begun & holdē at London the thirde day of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread soueraigne lord king Henry the eight, & from thence adiurned to Westminster, & there holden & continued by diuers prorogacions, vntill the dissolution thereof, an act was made & established, declaringe and concernynge as well howe aged poore and impotente persones, compelled to liue by almes, should be ordered and bled, and also how vacabundes and mightie strong beggers shulde be whipped & punished: and at the said parliamente one other acte was made and established for the restraint of cariynge & conueiynge of horses & mares out of this realme: & also at the said parliamēt one other acte was made and established for punishment of wellshmen, attemptinge assaultes or affraies vpon any the inhabitauntes of Hereford Gloucester or Shropshire. And also at the saide parliament one other acte was made and established for punishment of the vice of Buggery, declarynge suche offence to be felony, which said foure seueral actes were also made to endure to the last date of the nexte parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes more plainly appereth. And where also in the saide parliamente one other acte was made and ordeined among other thinges, for restraining the cariages of brasse latens & coper out of this realme: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament for the true making of cables, hallers, and ropes: And also one other acte for the true wyndinge of wolles: And one other acte to restraine killinge of weinlinges bullockes steres or heifers, being vnder the age of two yeres, which said foure seuerall actes last befoze

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before remembred, were than made to endure and continue vnto the nexte parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes moze plainly appereth. And where also in the said parliamente one other act was made and established for the attentes to be sued for punishment of periury vpon vntreue verditēs: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament concerning peauterers: and also one other acte was there made in the said parliament, concerning sowing of flaxe and hempe: all whiche saide three seuerall actes last before reherſed, were than made & ordeined to continue & endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same three seuerall actes moze plainly at large is shewed and may appere. And where also in the said parliament one other act was made and established for making of iayles in diuers shires of this realme, which same acte was than made to continue & endure for one yere next after the ende of the same parliament, as by the same act also moze plainly appereth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at Westm̄ the .viii. day of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide moste dread soueraigne lordē kynge Henry the eyght, and there continued and kept vntill the dissolucion therof, it was ordeined and enacted, that all and singuler the saide seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, should continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntill the laste day of the nexte parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein conteined, moze plainly appereth. And for asmuche as all and singuler the said seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the common welth of this realme: Be it therfore enacted and ordeined by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singuler the said seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them conteined, shall continue and endure in their force and strength, and be obserued and kept vntill the last day of the next parliament.

CAn act that proclamacions made by the kinges highnes, with the aduise of his honorable counsell, shall be obeyed and kepte, as though they were made by acte of parliament. Cap. viii.



As much as the kinges most royal maiestie for diuers consideraciōs by thaduise of his counsell hath heretofore set forth diuers and sundry his graces proclamacions, aswel for and concerning diuers and sundry articles of christes religion, as for an vnite and con corde to be had amongst the louinge and obedient subiectes of this his realme, and other his dominions, and also concerning the aduauncement of his common welthe and good quiet of his people, which neuer the lesse diuers and many frowarde wilfull and obstinate persons, haue wilfully contempned and broken, not considering what a kynge by his royall power

wer may do: and for lacke of a direct statute and lawe to coherthe offenders, to obey the said proclamacions, which beyng still suffred, should not onely encorage offenders to the disobedience of the preceptes and lawes of almighty God, but also sound to muche to the great dishonour of the kinges most roiall maiestie (who may full ill beare it) and also geue to great hart and boldnesse to all malefactours and offendours: Consideryng also that sodaine causes and occasions fortune many times, which do require spedy remedies, and that by abiding for a parliament, in the meane time might happen great prejudice to ensue to the realme: and weyng also, that his maiestie (which by the kingly and regall power geuen him by God, maie do many thinges in suche cases) should not be driuen to entende the libertie and supremitie of his regall power and dignitie by wilfulnes of stowarde subiectes: it is therfore thought in maner moze then necessary, that the kinges highnes of this realme for the time beyng, with thadvice of his honorable counsaile, should make and set forth proclamacions for the good and politike order and gouernaunce of this realme of Englande, Wales, and other his dominions from time to time, for the defence of his regal dignitie, and thaduancement of his common welthe, and good quiet of his people, as the cases of necessitie shall require. And that an ordinary lawe should be provided by thassent of his maiestie and parliament, for the due punishment correction and refozmacion of such offences and disobediences. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this parliament, with the kinges maiestie, the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons assent, that alwaies the kynge, for the time beyng, with thadvice of his honorable counsaile, whose names hereafter folow, or with thadvice of the moze part of them may set forth at al times, by auctoritie of this act, his proclamacions, vnder such penalties and peines, and of suche sorte, as to his highnesse, and his saide honorable counsaile, or the moze part of them: shal seme necessary and requisite. And that those same shall be obeyed obserued and kepte, as though thei were made by act of parliament, for the time in them limited onelesse the kinges highnesse dispence with them or any of them vnder his great seale.

Provided alwaies, that the wordes meaning and intente of this acte, be not vnderstand, interpretate, construed, or extended, that by vertue of it any of the kinges liege people, of what estate degree or condition so euer he or they be, bodies politike or corpozate, their heires or successours, shoulde haue any of his or their inheritances lawfull possessions offices, liberties priuileges franchises goodes or cattels, taken from them or any of them: Nor by vertue of the said acte suffre any paines of death, other then shalbe hereafter in this acte declared. Nor that by any proclamacion to be made by vertue of this acte, any actes, common lawes, standing at this presente time in strength and force, nor yet any lawfull or laudable customes of this realme, or other his dominions, ne any of them shalbe infringed broken or subuerted: And specially all those actes, standing this houre in force, which haue

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have ben made in the kinges highnes time: but that every such person and persons, bodie polittike and corpozate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of every of them, their inheritances lawfull possessions, offices, liberties, privileges, franchises, goodes & cattals shall stande and be in the same state and condicion, to every respect & purpose, as if this acte or pzoviso had never be had ne made: except suche forsaithurs peines and penalties, as in this acte and in any pzoclamacion, whiche hereafter shall be set forth by auctoritie of the same, shall be declared and expessed.

And except such persons, which shall offende any pzoclamacion to be made by the kinges highnesse, his heires or successours, for and concerning any kinde of heresies, against chriſten religion.

Furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie of this pzesent parliamente, that to the intent the kinges subiectes shuld not be ignorant of his pzoclamacion, every shiriffe or other officer and minister, to whom any suche pzoclamacion shall be directed by the kinges writte vnder his great seale, shall pzoclaim or cause the same to be pzoclamied within .xiiii. daies after the receit therof, in foure severall market towne, if there be so many, or els in fixe other towne places or villages within the limittes of their auctoritie. And they to cause the same pzoclamaciōs to be fixed and set vp openly vpon places convenient in every such towne place or billage, vpon peine and penaltie of such summe and summes of money, or imprisonment of bodie, as shall be contained in the saide pzoclamacion or pzoclamacions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion so ever he or they be, which at any time hereafter do wilfully offende & breke, or obstinatly not obserue and kepe any suche pzoclamacion, or any article therein contained, whiche shall procede from the kinges maiestie, by the aduise of his counsell, as is aforesaid: that then all and every such offender or offenders, beyng thereof within one halfe yere next after their or his offence committed, accused, & therof within .xviii. monethes nexte after the same offence so convicted by confession or lawfull witnessse, and pzoues before the archebishop of Canterbury Metropolitane, the Chauncellour of Englande, the lord tresorer of England, the pzesident of the kinges most honorable counceill, the lord priue seale, the great chaumberlaine of England, lord admirall, lord steward or graund maister, lord chaumberlaine of the kinges most honorable houlholde, two other bishops, beyng of the kinges counsell suche as his grace shall appointe for the same, the secretary, the tresorer & controller of the kinges most honorable householde, the maister of the horse, the two chief iudges, & the maister of the Rolles, for the time beyng, the Chauncellour of the augmentacions, the chaunceller of the Duchy, the chief baron of the eschequer, the two general surueiours, the chancellour of the eschequer, the vnder Tresorer of the same, the tresorer of the kinges chamber for the time beyng, in the Sterre chamber at Westminster, or els where: or at the least before the half of the numbze afoze rehearsed, of which number the

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lozde chauncelloz, the lozde Tresorer, the lozde president of the kinges most honorable counsell, the lozde Priuie seale, the chamberlaine of Englande, the lozde admiral, the two chief Judges for the time beyng, or two of them shalbe two: shall lose and pay such penalties forfaitures of summes of money to be leuied of his or their landes, tenementes, goods and cattals, to the kinges vse, and also suffer suche imprisonment of his body, as shall be expressed mencioned and declared in any such proclamation or proclamaciōs which such offender or offenders shal offende and breke, or not obserue and kepe, contrary to this act, as is aforesaid. And that execution shall be had done & made against euery such offender and offenders, with the addicion of the names or surnames, to wnes, or counties, mistery or occupacion of y^e said offenders, by such order, proces, waies and meanes, & after such maner forme and condicion, as by the kinges highnes, and the said counsell shall be deuised and thought most conuenient for example of suche offenders.

¶ Provided alway, that none offender, whiche shall offende contrary to the forme of any suche proclamaciōs, shall incurre the daunger & penaltie therof, except such proclamation or proclamaciōs be had done or made in such shire or countie, where the offender hath or shall dwel or be most couersant within a yere before. ¶ And be it further enacted by thautozitie aforesaid that the lozde chauncellour, the lozde priuie seale, and either of them, with thassent of. vi. of the forenamed, shall haue power and auctoritee by their discrecions, vpon euery informacion to be geuen to them or to either of the touching the premises, to cause proces to be made against all & singuler suche offenders, by writtes vnder the kinges great seale, or vnder his graces priuie seale, in fourme folowing, that is to say. First by proclamation vnder a peine or a penaltie, by the discrecion of the aforesaide chancellours appointed, for the awardyng of processe, and if he appere not to the same without a lawfull excuse, than y^e said chancellours to awarde out an other proclamation, vpon allegiance of the same offender, for the due examinacion trial and conuiction of euery suche person & persons, as shall offende contrary to this acte, for the due execution to be had of and for the same, in maner and forme as is aboue remembred. Except it be within the libertie of the county palantine of the Duchy of Lancaster. And in case it so be: than to passe by the chancelloz of the kinges Duchy of Lancaster, vnder y^e seale of the said Duchy, with the assent of. vi. at the least of the afozenamed counsellours.

¶ Be it also further enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, that if any person or persons do comitte any offence, contrary to the forme & effecte of this acte, and after the same offence done or committed, do obstinately willingly or contemptuously auoide and depart out of this realme, for and to the entet that he will not answere to such offence or offences by him committed and done contrary to this acte, that than euery such wilfull and contemptuous person auoiding or departing out of this realme, shall be adiudged a traitour, and his facte high treason, and shall haue and suffer suche paynes of death, and also forsaite goodes and cattals, landes and tenementes, as in case

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case of high treason. Saving to all a singuler person & person, bodie polittike & corporate, their heires & successours, & to the heires & successours of euery of them, other than such person and persons, their heires & successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, that shall offend contrary to this act, and therunto obstinately willingly or contemptuously auoid & depart out of this realme, as is aforesaid, all suche right, title, vse, interest, rentes, reuercions, remainders, lease, leases, grantes, annuities, offices, commons, profits, commodities and other hereditamentes what so euer, in & to al and singuler such honours castles, manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes, which any such offender or offenders shall haue at the time of his or their offence or offences of treason committed, or at any time after, in such like maner forme and condicion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made: any thinge contained in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by thautozitie aforesaid, that if any person or persons, offending contrary to this acte, do willingly and contemptuously withdrave, absent, cloine or secretly hide him selfe within any parte of this realme, or any of the kinges dominions, by the space of two monethes next after any writ of proclamacion shalbe made directly & proclaimed against him or them, as afoze is reherled, and therof by any conuenient or resonable meane may haue knowlage, so that by eloyning of him selfe, his offence can not be examined tried and iudged within the said time of .xviii. monethes: that than euery suche person and persons so offending, shall stande and be as a person conuicted of the offences against him objected, and also lose and pay all and euery such forfaiture, summes of money, and also suffer suche imprisonment as to the same offence shall appertaine.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if it happen our saide soueraigne lord the kinge to deceasse (whole life god longe preserve) before suche time as that person, which shalbe his next heire or successour to the imperial crowne of this realme, shall accomplishe and come to the age of .xviii. yerres, that than all and singuler proclamacions, which shalbe in any wise made and set forth into any parte of this realme, or other the kinges dominions by vertue of this act, within the foresaid yerres of the sayde nexte heire or successour shalbe set forth in the successours name then beinge kyng, and shall importe or beare vnder written the ful names of suche of the kinges honorable counsell than beyng, as shall be the deuisors or setters forth of the same, which shalbe in this case the whole number afoze reherled, or at the least the moze parte of them, or els the proclamacions to be holde and of none effecte.

¶ Provided also, that if any proclamation or proclamacions hereafter shalbe directed by vertue of this act, to the iustices of the peace of any shire or county that than within .xiii. daies after the receipt therof, the same Iustices shall and may by their discrecions deuide them selues in sundry partes and places within the limittes of their comission, for the due and speedy

the execution of the contentes of the same proclamacion or proclamacions and they and euery of them doing or causing to be done with conueniente speede in their sundrie limittes, as much as in them reasonably doeth lie or rest to be done, for the due and speedy execution of the same proclamacion or proclamacions: than euery such of the same Iustices, as so shall do his diligence, or as much as in him reasonably resteth to be done, shalbe discharged and exonerated against the kinges highnes, his heires & successours of and for euery penaltie or peine, limited and appointed by the same proclamacion to euery of the same iustices.

¶ Provided also, that no Iustices of peace shall be charged hereafter by vertue of any suche proclamacion, with or for any peine or penaltie, for not doing or executing of the same proclamacions, but only in the shire or countie, where any suche iustices of peace shall or do inhabite, dwell or be most conuerlaunt or abiding.

¶ Provided also that the foresaide counsaillours appointed or to be appointed by vertue of this acte, or any parte thereof by the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, to and for the hearing and determination of euery offence, committed contrary to any of his or their proclamacion or proclamacions, shall from time to time, knowinge the kinges determinate pleasure first therein, haue full power and auctoritie to diminish or mitigate the penalties of the summe or summes of money, which shall be contained in any of the said proclamacions hereafter to be made by the kinges highnes his heires or successours.

¶ An act aucthorising the kinges highnesse to make bishops by his letters pattentes. Cap. ix.



¶ Or as much as it is not vnknown, the slouthfull and vngodly life, which hath ben vsed among all those sort, whiche haue borne the name of religious folke, and to thintent that from henceforth any of them might be turned to better vse, as hereafter shall folow, wherby goddes woorde might the better be set forth, children brought vp in lerninge, clerkes nourished in the vniuersities, olde seruantes decayed to haue liuinges, almes houses of poore folke to be sustained in, reders of Grece, Hebrew, and latine, to haue good stipends, dayly almes to be ministered, meding of high waies, exhibicion for ministers of the church. It is thought therfore vnto his highnes most expedient and necessary, that mo bishopricches collegiall and cathedrall churches shalbe established in steade of these foresaid religious houses, within the foundation wherof these other titles afore rehearsed, shalbe established. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that his highnes shall haue full power and auctoritie from time to time, to declare & nominate by his letters patentes or other writings to

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to bee made vnder his greate Seale, suche number of bishoppes, suche number of citie, sees for bishippes, cathedrall churches, and dioces, by metes and bondes, for the exercise and ministracion of their episcopal offices and administration, as shall appertaine, and to endowe them with suche possessions, after suche maner fourme and condicion, as to his most excellent wisdom shall be thought necessary and conueniente. And also shall haue power and auctoritie to make and deuise translations, ordinaunces rules and statutes, concerninge them all and euerie of them, and further to do al and euery other thing and thinges, what so euer it be, whiche shall be deuised and thought requisite conuenient and necessary by his moste excellent wisdom and discrecion, for the good perfection and accomplisshement of all and singular his saide moste godly and gracious purposes and intentes, touching the premises, or any other charitable or godly dedes to be deuised by his highnes concernyng the same. And that all and singular such translations nominacions of bishops citie sees and limitation of dioces for bishops, erections, establisshmentes, foundacions, ordinaunces, statutes, rules, and al and euery other thing and thinges, whiche shall be deuised copysed and expressed by his graces sundry and seuerall letters patentes or other writings vnder his great seale, touchinge and concerninge the premises, or any of them, or any circumstances or dependances therof, necessary and requisite for the perfection of the premises, or any of them, shall be of as good strength force value and effecte, to al intentes and purposes, as if suche thinges, that shall so be deuised expressed and mencioned in his letters patentes or other writings vnder his great seale, had ben done made and had by auctoritie of parliament.

**An acte concerninge placinge of the lordes in the parliament
chaumber, and other assembles and conferences
of counsaile. Cap. x.**



As much as in al great counceils and congregacions of men, hauing sundry degrees and offices in the common welthe, It is very requisite & conuenient that an order should be had and taken for the placing & sitting of suche persones as ben bounden to resort to the same to the entent that thei, knowing their places, may vse the same without displeasure or let of the counceill. Therefore the kinges most roial maiesty, although it appertaineth vnto his prerogatiue roiall, to geue suche honour, reputacion, and placinge to his counsellours, and other his subiectes, as shall be seming to his most excellent wisdom, is neuertheles pleased and contented for an order to be had and take in this his most high court of parliament, that it shall be enacted by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme as hereafter foloweth.

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of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be of, (excepte only the kinges childzen) shall at any tyme hereafter attempte or presume to sitte or haue place at any syde of the cloth of estate in the parliament chamber, noether of the one hande of the kinges highnes, nor of the other, whether the kinges maiestie be there personally present or absent. And forasmuch as the kinges maiestie is iustly and lawfully supreme head in earth vnder god of the church of England, & for the good exercise of the said most roial dignitee & office, hath made Thomas lord Cromwel & lord priue seale his vicegerent for good & due ministracion of Justice to be had in al causes & cases touching the ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, & for the godly informacion and redresse of all errours heresies and abuses in the saide church. It is therfore also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the saide lord Cromwel, hauing the said office of vicegerent, & all other persons, whiche hereafter shall haue the said office of the graunt of the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, shall sit & be placed aswell in this present parliament, as in all parliamentes to be holden hereafter, on the right side of the parliament chamber, & vpon the same fourme that the archebishop of Canturburie sitteth on, and aboue the same archebishop and his successours, and shall haue voice in euery parliament to assent or dissent, as other the lordes of the parliament. And it is also enacted, that next to the said vicegerent shall sit the archebishop of Canturburie, and than next him on the same fourme & side shall sit the archebishop of yorke: and nexte to him on the same fourme and syde, the bishop of London: and next to him on the same side and fourme the bishop of Duresme: and next to him on the same side and fourme the bishop of Wyndchester, and than al the other bishops of both prouinces of Canturbury and yorke, shall sit and be placed on the same syde after their auncienties, as it hath ben accustomed.

And forasmuch as such other personages, whiche now haue, & hereafter shall happen to haue other great offices of the realme, that is to saie, the offices of the lord Chancellor, the lord Tresourer, the lord president of the kinges most honorable counsaile, the lord priue seale, the gret Chamberlain of Englande, the Constable of England, the marciall of Englande, the lord Admirall, the Grand master or lord Steward of the kinges most honorable housholde, the kinges chamberlaine, and the kinges secretoary haue not heretofore bene appointed and ordeined for the placing and sitting in the kinges most high courte of parliament by reason of their offices. It is therfore now ordeined & enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the lord Chancellor, the lord tresorer, the lord president of the kinges counsell, & the lord priue seale, being of the degre of barons of the parliament, or aboue shall sit and be placed as well in this present parliament, as in al other parliamentes hereafter to be holden, on the left side of the said parliament chamber, on the hither parte of the forme of the same syde aboue all dukes, except only such as shall happen to be the kinges sonne, the kinges brother, the kinges vncle, & kinges newew, or the kinges brothers or sisters sonnes, And

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And it is also ordeigned and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the great Chamberlaine, the Constable, the Marciall, the lord Admirall, the greates Maister or lord Steward, and the kinges Chamberlaine, shall sitte and be placed after the lord Priue seale, in maner and fourme followinge, that is to saie, euerie of them shall sitte and be placed aboue all other personages beinge of the same estates or degrees, that they shall happen to be of, that is to saie, the great Chamberlaine, firste: the Constable next, the Marciall thirde: the lord Admirall the fourth, the graund maister or lord Steward the fift, and the kinges chamberlaine the sixte.

And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the kinges chiefe Secretorie, beinge of the degree of a baron of the parliament, shall sitte and be placed afore and aboue all barons, not hauinge any of the offices aforesaid. And if he be a bishop, that than he shall sitte and be placed aboue all other bishoppes, not hauinge anie of the offices aboue remembred.

And it is also ordeigned and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that all dukes not aforesaid, marquesses, erles, vicountes, and barons, not hauinge any of the offices aforesaid, shall sit and be placed after their aunciente, as it hath ben accustomed.

And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall happen to haue any of the saide offices of lord Chancellor, lord Tresourer, lord Presidente of the kinges counsell, lord Priue seale, or chiefe Secretory, shall be vnder the degre of a baron of the parliament, by reason wherof they can haue no interest to geue any assent or dissent in the said house, that then in euery suche case, suche of them as shall happen to be vnder the saide degree of a baron, shall sitte and be placed at the vppermoste parte of the laches, in the middes of the saide parliament chamber, either there to sitte vpon one fourme, or vpon the vppermoste lache, the one of them aboue the other in order, as is aboue reherfed.

Be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that in all trialles of treasons by peeres of this realme, if any of the peeres that shall be called hereafter to be triours of suche treasons, shall happen to haue any of the offices aforesaid, that then they hauinge such offices, shall sitte and be placed accordinge to their offices, aboue all the other peeres, that shall be called to suche trials, in maner and fourme as is aboue mencioned and reherfed.

And it is also enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that as well in all parliaments, as in the Sterre chaumber, and in all other assemblies and conferences of counsaile, the lord Chauncellour, the lord Tresourer, the lord Presidente, the lord Priue seale, the great Chamberlain, the Constable, the Marciall, the lord Admirall, the graunde maister or lord Steward, the kinges Chamberlaine, and the kinges chiefe Secretory shall sitte and be placed in suche order and facion as is aboue reherfed, and not in any other place, by auctoritie of this present acte.

An acte auctorisynge the kynges highnes newely to allotte certayne towneships in Wales. Cap. xi.



Here in the parliament begunne & holden at London the. iiii. date of November, the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our most dread souerain lord kyng Henry the. viii. and from thens adiourned to Westminster, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogacions vnto the. iiii. date of February, in the. xxii. yere of the reigne of our said soueraine lord, and than and there holden and continued vnto the dissolution thereof, one acte and ordinance was made in the session of the said parliament, holden the saide. iiii. date of February, whereby amonges diuers other thinges, diuers shires and counties were newely made and named within the dominion and principallitie of Wales, and diuers townes parishes lordshippes commotes and cantredes within the saide dominion & principallitie were allotted appointed and limited to the said seuerall shires and counties, as by the same acte moze plainely & particularly among other thinges appereth. And forasmuche as by credible informacion it was comen into the kinges knowlage, after the making of the said acte, & some lordshippes townes parishes comotes hundredes & cantredes were not indifferently allotted & limited to the shires named in the said acte, for the comoditie of the kings subiects inhabited therein. it was therfore ordeined & enacted by auctoritie of the parliament holden at Westminster the. viii. day of June, in the. xxiii. yere of the kinges reigne, that the kinges highnes, during the time of. iiii. yeres next after the ende of the same parliament, shulde haue power & auctoritie by writinge vnder his great seale, to allot appoint assigne & limite to euerie of the shires named in the saide acte, such and so many lordshippes townes parishes hamlettes, hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his maiestie by his most highe wisedome shulde thinke conuenient and agreable, for the ease and comoditie of his louing subiectes the inhabitauntes of the said dominion & principallitie. And shuld likewise haue power & auctoritie, to name and assigne the shire townes in euerie of the said shires, named in the said acte. And that euerie such limitation appointment nomination and assignement to be made by the kinges highnes in that behalfe, by auctoritie of the said acte, shuld be as good and effectual to all intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done, and made, plainly & particularly by auctoriti of parliament, any thing contained in the said acte, in the session of the said parliament holden the. iiii. date of February, in the. xxii. yere, or any thing or thinges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. And forasmuch as the time of. iiii. yeres limited to the kinges maiestie by the said acte, made in the. xxiii. yere of his graces reigne, is nigh expired, & his highnes hath had such great affaires, & vrgēt causes to do, concerning the state & welth of this realme, that by occasion thereof his maiestie hath had no conuenient time nor leislure, to accomplishe & execute the power & auctoritie committed to his highnes by the said acte, made in the saide. xxiii. yere of his reigne. Be it therfore enacted by auctoriti of this present parliament that

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that his maiestie, during the space of other .iii. yeres, next after the first day of this present parliament, shal haue like power & auctoritie, to do ble execute and accomplishe all and euery thing and thinges limited & appointed to his maiestie to be done bled & accomplished by the same act, made in the said .xxviii. yere of his graces reigne, in a large & ample maner, in euery condicion, as his maiestie mought haue done bled & accomplished within the said time of thre yeres, limited by the same act, as is aforesaid. And by euery such limitation appointment nomination & assignement to be made by the kings highnes in that behalfe, by auctoritie of this present act, during the space of the said other .iii. yeres, next after the first date of this present parliament, shalbe as good & effectuell, to al intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done & made plainly and particularly by auctoritie of parliament.

An acte concerning wrongfull taking of haukes egges and birdes out of the nest, finding & taking by of the kynges haukes, hunting in the kynges forest parke or chace or other ground inclosed, & kylling of conies within any lawfull warren of the kynges. Ca. xii.

Where in the parliament holden at Westm, in the .vi. yere of the reigne of the noble prince of famous memory kyng Henry the vii. it was ordeigned, and amongst other thinges enacted & established, that no man of what condicion or degre so euer he bee, shulde take or cause to be taken the egges of any fauco golhauke, or laner out of the nests, vpon paine of imprisonment by one yere, and further to fyne at the kynges will. Not withstanding which estatute diuers idel & ill disposed persons, little or nothing regarding or fearing the pain in the same estatute contained, haue not desisted to take egges of faucos golhaukes & laners out of the nests, to the vtter destruction of the increase of the same faucos golhaukes & laners, if due reformation in that behalfe be not provided. In consideration wherof it is ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same that if any person or persons of what estate degre or condicion so euer he or they be, after the feast of the nativite of our Lady next comming, vlawfully or wrongfully take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon golhauke or laner, or the byrdes of any faucon golhauke laner or lanerat, out of or from any neste or nestes of any faucon golhauke or laner, within any of the honours castels manours landes tentes woodes or other groundes what so euer they be, of the kynges highnes for the time being, wherof his said highnes is seiled in demaine possession or reuerlion, or wherof he taketh the rentes issues revenues or profites that than the same offence and offences, and euerie of them, shalbe adiudged and taken to bee felonie, and the offender and offenders therein, beyng therof lawfullie convicted and attainted, by and accordinge to the lawes of this realme, shalbe deemed and iudged felons, and shall haue, and suffre suche peynes of death and

also lose and forsaite their goodes and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

Provided alwaies, that this act or any thing therein before ordeined & enacted, extende not, nor be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtful to any person or persons, which after the said feast of the natiuitie of our Lady, shall take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon, goshauke or laner, or the byrdes of any faucon goshauke or laner, or laneret, out of or from any neste or nestes of any faucon, goshauke, or laner, within any honours castelles manours landes tenementes woodes or other groundes, wherof or wherin any person or persons, bodies politike and corporate, other than the kinges highnes, his heires and successours, or any of them, than shall haue any estate of inheritance, any thing before expressed or mencioned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, after the said feast of the natiuitie of our Lady, happen to finde and take by any faucon, gerfaucon, Terkin, sacre, or sacret, goshauke laner, or laneret, being the kinges hauke or haukes, & hauinge upon him or them the marke of the kinges armes and veruels: that then if the same person or persons, whiche shall finde and take by any such faucon ierfaucon, ierkin, sacre or sacret, goshauke, laner, or laneret, within. xii. daies next after the taking by of any such hauke, doo not bringe or cause to be brought the same hauke so by him taken, to the maister of the kinges haukes, or to some of his graces fauconers, or within the time next abovesaid do not geue knowlage of the taking by of any such hauke to the said maister of the kinges haukes for the time being, or to the Shireffe of the Shire for the time being, where any such hauke shall be taken by, or to one of the kinges fauconers for the time being nere abiding in or to any such partes, where any such hauke shall be founden and taken by, as is aforesaid that then euery such finding and taking by of any such hauke, and not bringing nor geuing knowlege therof, as is aforesaid, shall be adiudged & taken to be felony, & the offender and offenders therein, being therof lawfully conuicted and attainted, by and according to the lawes of this realme shall haue and suffer such peines of death and also lose and forsaite his and their goodes and cattalles landes and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes in this realme.

Provided alwaies, that this acte nor any thing therein contained, be or shall be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, that hereafter shall finde and take by any of the said haukes of the kinge our soueraigne lord his heires or successours, & by chance negligently or casually against his or their will, lose the same hauke or haukes: or if the same hauke die against his or their wil, before they can or make deliuer the same hauke, as is aforesaid.

And where also iustice and equitie requireth, that euery inheritour and possessor of manours landes or tenementes within this realme of Eng-

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lande, should accordinge to their estates or possessions peaceably & quietly haue, take, and enjoy the profits, revenues and commodities of the same, as well in thinges of high pleasure, as in thinges commonly valuabie, without iniurie, rapine or other extortion wrong to be committed and done to any of them, within or vpon the same, & in especiall of & in thinges of pleasure, as in hunting within forest parke or chase of the kinges, & queenes, & princes or of any other of the kinges lawfull children for the time beinge, or ordeined and provided for or concerning his highnes, or their pleasure: Be it therfore ordeined and enacted by thauthoritie of this present parliament that if any person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion so ever he or they be, after the saide feast of the Nativite of our lady next comming, at any time of the day, that is to say, betwene the time of the arising of the sonne, and going downe of the same, with his face hidde or covered with hood or visor, or with his face painted, or him selfe otherwise disguised, to the intent & he would not be knowen, wrongfully enter into any forest, parke or chase of the kinges highnes, the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges said children for the time beinge, or into any other ground of his or theirs, inclosed with wall or pale, ordeined and used for keeping and nourishing of dere, to the intent to steale any of the same dere, and by any meane of hunting or otherwise (as is aforesaid) by stealth slea or take any of the same dere, or drive or chase any of them out of the same forest chase, parke, or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, ordeined and used for keeping & nourishing of dere, as is aforesaid, to the intent to steale the same dere. Or if any person, after the saide feast last before remembred, at any time of the day as is aforesaid, with his face hidde or covered with hood or visor, or with his face painted, or him selfe otherwise disguised, to the intent that he would not be knowen, take kill or slea with any hay or other nette, or with any fittette or purinet, any of the conies or rabbettes, being within any groundes soyle or place, being lawfull warren of the kinges highnesse, the queenes the princes, or of any other the kinges saide children, for the time beinge, & being kepte or used as warren for the mainenance and nourishynge of conies and rabbettes, or in forme aforesaid, take, kill, or slea, any conies or rabbettes, being within any of the kinges parkes, his heires and successours or within any parke of the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges said children for the time beinge. Excepte it be such person or persons, as hath or shall haue the saide conies and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe licenced by the writing of the kinge, the queene, the prince or of any other of the kinges said children, so to do: or if after the saide feast any person or persons, at any time in the night, that is to say, betwene the time of the going downe of the sonne, and arising of the same, wrongfully enter into any forest chase parke or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, of the kinges highnes, the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges said children for the time beinge, inclosed, ordeined & used for the keepynge and nourishing of dere, to the intent to slea steale and take any of the dere of
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the said forest chase or parke, or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, or deined and vled for the finding of dere, or by any meane of hunting or other wise, to the intent to steale at any time of the night, as is aforesaid, slea or take any of the dere beyng in the same: or by any meane in the said night time, chase or drive out of any such forest chase parke or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid of the kinges, his heires & successours, or of the queenes the princes, or of any other the kinges said children, for the time beyng, any of the dere of the same, to the intent to steale the same dere: Or at any time of the night aboue written, take kill or slea with any hay or other net, or with any fure or pursnet, any of the conies or rabbettes in any ground or soile, beyng a lawfull free warren of the kinges highnes for the time being and beyng kept and vled as a warren, as is aforesaid, or take kill or slea in forme next aforesaid any conies or rabbettes, in any of the parkes of the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, or of the queenes, the princes, or of any other of the kinges said children for the time being. Excepte he or they that shall so offend, hath or shall have the same conies in ferme, or otherwise licensed, as is aforesaid: that than every such offender & offenders for their offences, by them or any of them committed & done, contrary to the purport and effect of this act, shall be demed adiudged & taken as a felon, & every such offence by any of them committed and done, contrary to this acte, as is aforesaid, shall be demed & adiudged felony. And that every such offender and offenders, whiche shall be therof convicted and atteinted, according to the lawes of this realme, shall have and suffer suche like punishment, and incurre such losses and forfeitures for the same, as ben ordained for other felons by the common lawes of this realme.

Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no manner of person or persons, of what estate or degree so ever he or they be, shall hereafter be made, demed, or taken by any manner of meane, as accessary or accessaries to any offender or offenders, offending in any thing contrary to the tenour and effect of this acte, or of any article or clause therein cōteined, but onely suche person and persons as shall hereafter abette and procure any such offender or offenders, to committe and do any offence contrary to this acte, which person and persons so abetting and procuring any offender or offenders, to committe and do any offence contrary to the tenour and effect of this acte, shall after the same offence done, by the auctoritie aforesaid, be adiudged demed and taken as accessary and accessaries in like manner, as in cases of felony at the common law.

Provided alway, that any word article clause sentence forfeiture payne or punishment in this acte before expressed and declared, shall not in any wise extend to any person or persons, that shall hunt take kill or slea any dere, conies, or rabbettes by day or night, contrary to this act in any chases forestes or warrens of the kinges, the queenes, the princes, or of any other the kinges said children, set lieng and being within his graces dominion of Wales, or in the borders against Scotland, the forest of Snobodon in Wales

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Wales onely excepted: any thing in this acte befoze declared and mencio-
ned to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

Provided alway, that this acte or any thing therein contained, extende
not to any person or persons, which shal not be lawfully indited of any of-
fence in this act contained within one yere next after any such offence com-
mitted or done: this acte or any thyng therein contained to the contrarye
not withstanding.

An act wherby all manours, landes, profits and hereditamentes belonging to any
the monasteries or other religious houses dissolved, or hereafter by any meane to
be dissolved, are assured to the kinges highnesse his heires and successours
for ever. And how and in what wise leases and grauntes hereto-
foze made or hereafter to be made of them or any parte
of them shall take effecte. Cap. xix.



Where divers sundry abbottes, priors, abbesses, prioresses
or other ecclesiastical governours and gouvernesses of divers
monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospi-
tals, houses of friers, and other religious & ecclesiastical
houses & places, within this our soueraine lord the kinges
realme of Englad & Wales, of their owne free & voluntary
minde, good willes and assentes, without constrainte coaction or compul-
sion of any maner of person or persons, sithen the .iiii. day of February, the
xxvii. yere of the raigne of our now most dread soueraigne lord, by the due
order and course of the common lawes of this his realme of Englade, and
by their sufficient writings of recorde vnder their couent and comon sea-
les, haue severally geuen, graunted and by the same their writings seue-
rally confirmed all their said monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, col-
leges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiastical hou-
ses and places, and all their sites, circuits and p[ro]vincies of the same, and
all and singuler their manours, lordships, granges, meases, landes, tene-
mentes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, wooddes, tithes,
pensions, portions, churches, chapels, aduousons, patronages, annuities,
rightes, entries, condicions, commons, letes, courts, liberties, priuileges, and
franchises apperteyning or in any wise belonging to any suche monastrie
abbathie, priorie, nonry, college, hospital house of friers, & other religious
and ecclesiastical houses & places or to any of them, by what so euer name
or corporacion thei or any of them were than named or called, and of what
order habite religion, or other kinde or qualitie so euer they or any of them
than were reputed known or taken: To haue and to holde al the said mo-
nasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers
and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places, sites, circuits, p[ro]-
vincies, manours, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions,
seruices, and al other the premises, to our said soueraigne lord: his heires
and successours for ever, and the same their sayde monasteries, abbathies
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priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious, and ecclesiasticall houses and places, sites, circutes, pzoinctes, manours, lordships, graunges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, and other the pzemisses, voluntarily as is aforesaide haue renounced left and forsaken, and euery of them hath renounced left and forsaken. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, & the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this pzent parliament assembled and by auctoritie of the same, that the king our soueraigne lord shal haue holde possede and enioy to him his heires and successours, for euer, all and singuler suche late monasteries abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, of what kindes, natures, qualities, or diuersities of habites, rules, professions or orders they or any of the were named known or called, whiche sith the said fourth day of februarye. the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord, haue bene dissolued, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfeited, geuen by, or by any other meane come to his highnesse, & by the same auctoritie, and in lyke maner shal haue hold possede and enioy all the sites, circutes, pzoinctes, manours, lordshippes, granges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, woddes, tithes, pensions, porcions, personages appropried, vicarages, churches, chappels, aduousons, nominacions, pattonages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, condicions, commons, letes, courtcs, liberties, priuilege, franchises, and other what soeuer hereditamentes, whiche apperteined or belonged to the said late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses and places, or to any of them, in as large and ample maner & forme as the late abbottes, priours, abbesles, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernors & gouernesses of such late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers & other religious & ecclesiasticall houses and places, had helde or occupied, or of right ought to haue had holden or occupied in the right of their saide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall, houses or places, at the time of the said dissolution suppression, renouncing, relinquishyng, forfeiting geuinge by, or by any other maner of meane comminge of the same to the kinges highnes sithen the thirde day of februarye aboue specified.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abouesaide, that not onely all the saide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses, and places sites, circutes, pzoinctes, manours, lordships, graunges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices and all other the pzemisses, forthwith immediatly and pzently, but also all other monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals houses of friers and al other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places, which hereafter shall

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shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfeited, given by, or by any other means come unto the kinges highnes, & also all the sites, circuits, precincts, manours, lordshippes, granges, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, woodes, tithes, pensions, portions, personages appropriate, vicarages, churches, chappels, advousons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, condicions, commons, letes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, franchises, and other hereditamentes, what soeuer they be, belonging or appertaining to the same, or any of them, when so euer & as lone as they shall be dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfeited given by or by any other means come unto the kinges highnes, shall be vested demed & adiudged by auctoritie of this present parliament, in the very actual and real seison and possession of the king our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours for euer, in the state and condicion as they now be, & as though all the said late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and all other religious and ecclesiasticall houses & places, so dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfeited given by or come to the kinges highnes, as is aforesaid, as also the said monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses and places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfeited given by or come unto the kinges highnes sites, circuits, precincts, manours, lordshippes, granges, landes, tenementes, and other the premises, what so euer they be, and euery of them were in this present act specially and particularly rehearsed, named and expessed by expresse wordes, names titles and faculties, and in their natures kindes and qualittes.

¶ And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all the said late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals houses of friers and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses, & places which ben dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished given by, or come to the kinges highnes by any maner of means, as is aforesaid, & all the manours, lordshippes, granges, landes, tenementes, & other the premises (except such therof as be comen to the kinges handes by atteinder or atteinders of treason) and all the said monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious & ecclesiasticall houses or places, which hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfeited given by, or come unto the kinges highnes, & all the manours, lordshippes, granges, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices woodes tithes, portions, pensions, personages, appropriate vicarages, churches, chappels, advousons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rightes interestes, entrees condicions commons, letes courtes liberties, priuileges franchises & other hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, belonging to the same or to any of the (except such therof, which shall happen to com to the kinges highnes by atteinder or atteinders of treason) shall be in the order suruei & gouernance of our said soueraigne

raigne lord the kinges court of Augmentacions of the reuenues of his
croune, and of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the same. And al
the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, compunge and growyng of the
premisses, and of every parte therof (except beforeexcept) shall be ordered
taken and receiued to the kinges vse by the sayd chauncellour, ministers
and officers of the same court, in such and lyke maner and fourme as the
monasteries, priories, sites, circutes, manours, granges, meles, landes,
tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, tithes, pensions, porcions, ad-
uousons, patronages, rightes, entrees, condicions, and other heredita-
mentes late apperteynyng or belonging vnto the monasteries abbathies,
priories or other religious houses, late by auctoritie of parliamet suppres-
sed, bene ordered surueied and gouerned. Saving to all and every person
and persons and bodie polittike and their heires and successours, and the
heires and successours of all and every of them, other than the laide late
abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiastical gouernours
and gouernesses of the laide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries
colleges, hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasti-
call houses and places, and their successours, and the successour of euery of
them, and suche as pretende to be founders, patrons or donours of suche
monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of
friers and other ecclesiastical houses and places, or of any manours, mel-
suages, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, belonging to the same
or to any of them, their heires and successours, and the heires and succes-
sours of euery suche founder patron, or donour, and the now abbottes,
priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiastical gouernours and go-
uernesses of suche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hos-
pitals, houses of friers, and other religious, and ecclesiastical houses and
places, which hereafter shal happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced,
relinquished, forfeited, geuen by or come to the kinges highnes, & such as
pretende to be founders, patrons or donours of such monasteries, abbathies
priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers and other ecclesiasti-
call houses and places, or of any manours, meluages, landes, tenementes,
or other hereditamentes to the same belonging, or to any of them, their he-
ires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, all
suche right, title, claime, interest, possession, rentes, charges, annuities, lea-
ses, fermes, offices, fees, liueries, and liuinges, porcions, pensions, cotro-
dies, commons, synodes, priories and other profites, whiche they or any of
them haue claime ought may or might haue had in or to the premisses, or
to any parte or parcell therof, in such like maner fourme and condicion, to
all intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, as if this act had neuer ben
had ne made, rentes seruices, rentes secke, and all other seruices and suites
onely excepte.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie abouesaid, that if
any late abbot priour, prioress, abbess or other ecclesiastical gouernour or
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gouvernesse abovesaid, within one yere next befoze the dissolucion suppress-
tion renounsing relinquisshinge forfaitinge giuinge by or comming to the
kynges highnes of his late monasterie abbathie prioze nonrie college hos-
pital house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, hath
made any lease or graunt vnder his couent or common seale, or otherwise
for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, of the site, circuite, and pzoicincte, of
his saide late monasterie, abbathie, prioze, nonrie, college, hospital, house
of friers or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, or of any part ther
of, or of any manours, mesuages, graunges, landes, tenementes, perso-
nages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes,
whiche belonged or appertained to his said late monasterie abbathie prioze
nonrie college hospitall house of friers or other religious or ecclesiastical
house or place, whiche manours, mesuages, graunges, landes, tenemen-
tes, personages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other heredita-
mentes, were not befoze the same lease commonly bled to be let nor let to ferm,
but kept and reserued in the muntenance tillage or occupation of the sayde
gouvernour or gouvernesse, for the maintenaunce of hospitalite and good
house keeping: or within one yere, as is abovesaid, hath made any lease or
graunt for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, or of any manours, mesuages
landes tenementes medowes pastures, woodes, personages appropriate
tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chappelles, or other hereditaments
what so ever they be, wherof or in the which any estate or interest for terme
of lyfe, yere or yeres, at the time of the making of any such graunt or lease,
than hadde his being or continuaunce, and than was not determined, fy-
nished, or expired, or within the time of one yere, as is abovesaide, hath
made any lease or grant for terme of life, or for terme of yeres of any ma-
nours, mesuages, landes tenementes, medowes pastures, woodes, per-
sonages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chappelles, or
other hereditamentes, what so ever they be, bypon the whiche leases and
grauntes, the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be yelden
and reserued by the space of .xx. yeres nexte befoze the firste daie of this
pzeent parliamente is and be not therbypon reserued and holdon: Or if
anye suche gouvernour or gouvernesse hath made any bargaine or sale of
his woodes, within one yere, as is afoze limited, whiche woodes be yet
growynge and standynge, that than all and every such lease graunte bar-
gaine and sale of woode or woodes, shall be utterlie voyde, and of none
effecte.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that all feoffementes fy-
nes and recoueries, had, made, knowledged, or suffered by any gouvernour
or gouvernesse, without the kings licence vnder his great seale, within one
yere nexte befoze the dissolucion, renounsyng, relinquisshynge, forsay-
tyne, gevinge bype, or commynge vnto the kynges highnesse, of his
saide monasterie, abbathie, prioze, nonrie, colledge, hospitall, house of
friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, or anye ma-
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noys, meases, lands, tenementes, or other hereditaments, what so euer they be, whiche the laide late abbot, priour, abbess, prioress, and other ecclesiastical governour and governess, or any of theim, or any of their predecessors hadde or helde of the giste, graunte, or confirmation of our laide soueraigne lord, or any of his highnes progenitours, or of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical howses, or places, our laide soueraigne lord was founder or patron, or whiche manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditaments were of the auncient or olde foundation or possession of the laide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical houses or places, shalbe utterly void and of none effecte.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abovesaide, that if any abbotte, priour, abbess, prioress, or other ecclesiastical governour or governess of any monasterie, abbathie, priorie, nonrie, colledge, hospital house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited geven vppre, or come to the kinges highnes within one yere next before the firste date of this present parliamente have made or hereafter dooe make any lease or graunt vnder his couent or common seale, or other wise for terme of yeres, or lyfe or lyues, of the lye circuite and p[ro]vince of his laide monasterie abbathie priorie nonry colledge hospital house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, or of any parte thereof or of any manours, meassures, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tithes pensions portions, or other hereditaments belonging or apperteyning to his laide monasterie, abbathie, priorie, nonrie, college, hospitalle, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, whiche manours, meases, graunges, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate tythes pensions portions, and other hereditamentes, what so euer they bee, were not after the same lease commonly vsed to bee sette nor lette to ferme, but kept and reserved in the manurance tillage or occupation of the laide governour or governess for the maintenaunce of hospitalitie and good house keepinge, or now bee in the manurance tillage or occupation of the laide governour or governess for the maintenaunce of hospitalitie and good house keepinge, or within one yere nexte before the firste daye of this presente parliamente, hath made, or hereafter shall make any lease or graunte for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, portions, churches, chapelles, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, wherof and in the whiche any estate or intereste for terme of lyfe, yere or yeres, at the tyme of the makinge of anye suche graunte or lease then hadde his beinge or continuance, or hereafter, shall have his beinge or continuance, and

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and that was not determined finished or expired, or at the tyme of anye suche lease to be made shall not be determined finished or expired, or within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this present parliamente, hath made or hereafter shall make anye lease or graunte for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, of anye manours meuages landes tenementes medowes pastures woodes personages appropriate tythes pensions portions churches chappels, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, vppon the whiche leases and grauntes the vsuall and olde rentes and termes accustomed to be yelden and receyued by the space of .xx. yeres nexte, before the saide firste daie of this present parliament is or be not, or hereafter shall not be therupon receyued and yelden: And of anye such gouernour or gouernesse of anye suche monastirie, abbathie, priorie, nonrie, colledge, hospitall, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place which hereafter shall happen to be dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited geuen by or come to the kinges highnesse, within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this presente parliamente, hath made, or hereafter shall make anye bargaine or sale of his woodes, whiche woodes be yet growinge and standinge, that than all and everye suche lease graunt bargaine and sale of woode or woodes, shall be utterly void and of none effecte.

And it is also enacted by thautozitie aforesaide that all feoffementes fines and recoveries hadde, made knowleged or suffered within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this presente parliamente: or hereafter to be hadde made knowleged or suffered by anye gouernour or gouernesse of anye monastirie abbathie priorie nonrie college hospitall house of friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed, renounced relinquished, forfeited, geuen by or come to the kinges highnesse, without the kynges licence vnder his greatte Seale, of anye manours, meases landes tenementes or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, whiche the saide abbottes, priours abbesses prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed, relinquished forfeited geuen by or come vnto the kinges highnesse, as is aforesayde, or anye of them, or anye of their predecessours hadde or helde, or haue and holde of the giste, graunte, or confirmation of our saide soueraigne lord, or of anye of his highnesse progenitours, or of the which monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiasticall howses and places, our saide soueraigne lord is founder or patrone, or whiche manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, were or be of the ancient or olde foundation or possession of the saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, shall be utterly void and of none effecte.

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Provided alway, & be it enacted by auctoritie abovesaid, that if any abbot, priour, abbess, or prioress, or other governour or governess abovesaid, within one yere next before the firste daie of this present parliament, or if any late abbot, priour, abbess, prioress, or other late governour or governess abovesaid, within one yere next before anye such dissolution, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, forfaiting, givinge bypp, or commynge to the kynges highnesse of the premises, or of anye parcell thereof, as is aforesaid, have made anye demise, lease, or graunte, to any person or persons for terme of yeres, of any manours meases, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, whiche persone or persones at the time of the saide demise, lease or graunte, hadde and helde the same to terme for terme of yeres than not expired: that then the saide persone or persons, to whom anye such demise, lease, lease or graunte hath bene so made, shal have and holde the same for the terme of .xxi. yeres only from the tyme of the makinge of the saide demise, lease, or graunte, if so manie yeres be by the same demise lease or graunte specified lymitted and expressed, or els for so manie yeres as in suche demise lease or graunt bene expressed, so that the olde rent be therupon reserved, and so that the same lease or leases exceede not .xxi. yeres. This acte or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie abovesaid, that if any abbotte, priour, abbess, prioress, or other late governour or governess, within one yere next before anye such dissolution suppression renouncing relinquishing forfaiting givinge bypp or commynge unto the kynges highnesse of the premises, or of anye parcell thereof, as is aforesaid, have made anye demise lease or graunt to anye person or persons for terme of life or lyues of any manours meases landes tenementes personages appropriate tythes pensions portions, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, whiche person or persons or any of them, at the tyme of the saide demise lease or graunte hadde and helde the same for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, than not expired: that then the saide person or persons, to whom anye such lease or graunte hath bene so made, shal have and hold the same for terme of their lyfe or lyues, so that the olde rent be therupon reserved: This acte or any other thing therein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all and singular leases and grauntes, made by copie to anye person or persons of anye of the saide messuages, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, for terme of lyfe or lyues, whiche by the custome of the countreie, hath bene used to be demised, letted, or graunted by copie of courte Rolle, shal be good and effectuell in the lawe, so that the olde rent be reserved by and upon everye suche lease and leases: this acte or any thing therein contained

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and that was not determined finished or expired, or at the tyme of anye suche lease to be made shall not be determined finished or expired, or within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this present parliamente, hath made or hereafter shall make anye lease or graunte for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, of anye manours meuages landes tenementes meadowes pastures woodes personages appropriate tythes pensions portions churches chappels, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, vppon the whiche leases and grauntes the vsuall and olde rentes and termes accustomed to be yelden and reserued by the space of .xx. yeres nexte, before the saide first daie of this present parliament is or be not, or hereafter shall not be therupon reserued and yelden: And of anye such gouernour or gouernesse of anye suche monasterie, abbathie, priorie, nonrie, colledge, hospitall, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place which hereafter shall happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited geuen by or come to the kinges highnesse, within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this presente parliamente, hath made, or hereafter shall make anye bargaine or sale of his woodes, whiche woodes bee yet growinge and standinge, that than all and euerye such lease graunt bargaine and sale of woode or woodes, shall be vtterly boide and of none effecte.

And it is also enacted by thautozitie aforesaide that all feoffementes fines and recoueries hadde, made knowlegged or suffered within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this presente parliamente: or hereafter to be hadde made knowlegged or suffered by anye gouernour or gouernesse of anye monasterie abbathie priorie nonrie college hospitall house of friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, renounced relinquished, forfeited, geuen by or come to the kinges highnesse, without the kynges licence vnder his greatte Seale, of anye manours, meales landes tenementes or other hereditamentes what so euer they bee, whiche the saide abbottes, priours abbesse priouesses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued, suppressed, relinquished forfeited geuen by or come vnto the kinges highnesse, as is aforesayde, or anye of them, or anye of their predecessours hadde or helde, or haue and holde of the giste, graunte, or confirmacion of our saide soueraigne lord, or of anye of his highnesse progenitours, or of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiasticall howses and places, our sayde soueraigne lord is founder or patrone, or whiche manours, meales, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, were or bee of the ancient or olde foundation or possession of the saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, shall be vtterly boide and of none effecte.

Provided alway, & be it enacted by auctoritie abovesaid, that if any abbot priour abbess or prioress, or other gouernour or gouernesse abovesaid, within one yere next befoze the firste daie of this present parliament, or if any late abbot, priour, abbess, prioress, or other late gouernour or gouernesse abovesaid, within one yere next befoze anye such dissolucion, suppressi-
 on, renouncinge, relinquishinge, forfaitinge, giuinge byppe, or commynge to the kynges highnesse of the premises, or of anye parcell thereof, as is aforesaide, haue made anye demise, lease, or graunte, to any person or persones for terme of yeres, of anye manours, meales, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes aforesayde, whiche person or persones at the time of the saide demise, lease or graunte, hadde and helde the same to ferme for terme of yeres than not expired: that then the saide person or persones, to whom anye such demise, lease, lease or graunte hath bene so made shal haue and holde the same for the terme of .xxi. yeres only from the tyme of the makinge of the saide demise, lease, or graunte, if so manie yeres bee by the same demise lease or graunte specified lytted and expessed, or els for so manie yeres as in suche demise lease or graunt bene expessed, so that the olde rent be therupon reserued, and so that the same lease or leases exceede not .xxi. yeres. This acte or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie abovesaide, that if any abbotte priour abbess prioress, or other late gouernour or gouernesse, within one yere nexte befoze anye suche dissolucion suppressi-
 on renouncynge relinquishing forfaitynge giuinge byp or commynge vnto the kynges highnesse of the premises, or of anye parcell thereof, as is aforesaide, haue made anye demise lease or graunt to anye person or persones for terme of life or lyues of any manours meales landes tenementes personages appropriate tythes pensions portions, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, whiche person or persons or any of them, at the time of the said demise lease or graunte hadde and helde the same for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, than not expired: that then the saide person or persons, to whom anye such lease or graunte hath bene so made, shal haue and hold the same for terme of their lyfe or lyues, so that the olde rent be therupon reserued: This acte or any other thing therein contained to the contrary therof not withstanding.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that all and singular leases and grauntes, made by copie to anye person or persons of anye of the saide messuages, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes aforesaide, for terme of lyfe or lyues, whiche by the custome of the countreie, hath bene used to be demised, letted, or graunted by copie of courte Rolle, shal be good and effectuell in the lawe, so that the olde rent be reserued by and vpon everye suche lease and leases: this acte or any thing therein contained

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to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it further enacted by th'autoritie aforesaide, that all leases heretofore made of any the premises by auctoritie of our soueraigne lord the kinges courte of augmentacions, of the revenues of his crowne, and all such leases feoffementes and woode sales, made by the saide gouvernours and gouvernelles, or any of them, vnder their couent leases, or vnder the couent or common seale of any of them, within one yere nexte before the dissolution suppression renounsinge relinquishing forsaitinge geuinge by or comminge to the kinges highnesse, of the saide monasteries abbatheys priories nunties colleges hospitals houses of friers or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, whiche saide leases grauntes feoffementes & woode sales haue ben examined entrolled decreed or affirmed in our saide soueraigne lord the kinges courte of augmentacions, and the decree of the same put in writinge, sealed with the seale of the saide courte of augmentacions, shall be good and effectuell according to the same decree: any clause or acte, heretofore in this present act to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwaie and be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aboue saide, that if any persone or personnes haue iustelie and truelie, withoute fraude or couine, paid or geuen any summe or summes of monete to any the said late gouvernours or gouvernelles, for the bargaine and sale of any woodes, beinge and growinge in or vppon any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche appertained or belonged to the saide late monasteries, abbatheys, priories, nunties, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall places or vnto any of them whiche bargaine and sale, by auctoritie of this acte, is made void and of none effecte, and by meane therof the kinges highnes maye haue and take the commoditie and profite of suche woodes, so bargained and solde: that then the Chauncellour and other officers of our saide soueraigne Lord the kinges courte of Augmentacions, or thre of them, wherof the Chauncellour for the time beinge shall be one, of our saide soueraigne Lord the kinges treasour, remaining in the Treasorie of the same court, shall satisfie and recompence euerye suche persone and persones, suche somme of moneye, or other recompence, as the same chauncellour and officers, or thre of them, whereof the saide Chauncellour shall be one, shall thinke mete and conuenient. And if any other person or personnes shall happen to take profite and commoditie, by reason of aduoidinge of suche wood sales by auctoritie of this acte, that then euerye persone and personnes, whiche maye or shall take suche profite, shall be ordered for satisfaction to be made to the parties, that shall happen to be greued by this acte, by the saide Chauncellour and other the officers of the same court.

¶ Provided also, and be it further enacted by th'autoritie abouesaid, that all and euery person and persons their heires and assignes, whiche lieth

the laide. iiii. daie of februarye, by licence, pardone confirmation relese assente or consent of our laide soueraigne lord the kynge, vnder his great seale heretofore geuen had or made, or hereafter to be had or made, haue obtained or purchased by indenture fine feoffement recoverie or otherwise of the laide late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, or other gouernours or gouernesses of anie suche monasteries, abbathies, priories nonnies colleges hospitalles houses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiasticall houses or places, anie monasteries priories colleges, hospitalles manours landes tenementes medowes pastures woodes churches chapelles personages tythes pensions porcions or other hereditamentes, shall haue and enioye the same, accorde to suche writings and assurances as bene therof before the first daie of this presente parliamente, or hereafter shall be had or made,

Sauinge to all and euerie persone and personnes and bodies politike their heires and successours: and to the heires and successours of euerie of them other then the laide late abbottes abbesses priours prioresses and other gouernours and gouernesses and their successours and the successours of euerie of them, and suche as pretende to be founders, patrons or donours of the laide monasteries abbathies priories nonnies colleges hospitalles and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places: or of anye of them, or of any manours, melages, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes late belonging to the same, or to anie of them, and theyr heires, successours, and the heires and successours of euerie suche foundre potrone or donour, all suche righte, title, interest, possession rentes, annuities, commodities, offices, fees liueries, and liuinges, porcions, pensions, corrodies, synodes, priories, and other profits, whiche they or anie of them haue oughte or mought haue had in or to anie of the said monasteries, abbathies, priories, colleges, hospitalles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuerfions, tythes pensions porcions, or other hereditamentes, at any time before anye suche purchas, indentures, fines, feoffementes recoveries or other lawfull meane betwene anye suche parties had or made, as is abouesaide, this acte or anie thinge therein contened to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where our laide soueraigne lord the .iii. daie of februarye, the laide. xxvii. yere of the reigne of our laide soueraigne lord, hath obtained and purchased as well by exchaunges as by giftes bargained fines feoffementes recoveries dedes enrolled and otherwise of diuers and sundry persons many and diuers honours castelles manours, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, rentes reuerfions, seruices & other hereditamentes, and hath not only payd diuers and sundry great summes of money for the same, but also hath geuen and graunted for the same, vnto diuers and sundry persons diuers & sundry manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, and other recompenses in and for full satisfaction of all suche honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes reuerfions

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ons seruices and other his hereditamētes, by his highnes obtained or had as is aboue saide. Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aboue said that our sayde soueraigne lord the king, his heires and successours, shal haue holde possede and enioy all such honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes as his highnesse lieth the said fourth day of february, the .xxvii. yere aboue saide, hath obtained & had by way of exchange, bargaine, purchase, or other what so euer meane or meanes according to the true meaning and intente of his highnes bargaine, exchange or purchase, misrecitall, misnaming or non recitall or not naming of the said honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes comprised or mencioned in the bargaines or writings made betwene the kinges highnes & any other partie or parties, or of the townes or counties, where the saide honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes and hereditamētes lye and bene, or any other matter or cause what so euer it be in any wise notwithstanding.

Saving to all and euery person and persons, and to their heires, bodies politike and corporate, and to their successours and to euery of them, other than such person and persons and their heires and their wiues, and the wiues of euery of them, bodies politike and corporate and their successours and euery of them, of whome the kinges highnes hath obtained by exchange gift bargaine fine, feoffemente, recouerie, dede enrolled or other wise, any such honours, castels, manours, landes, tenementes & other hereditamentes, as is aforesaide, all such right title vse, interest, possession, rentes, charges, annuities, comodities, fees and other profits, (rentes, seruices and rentes leekes only except) which they or any of them haue might or ought to haue had in or to the premises so obtained and had, or in or to any parcell therof, if this acte had neuer be had nor made, this presente acte or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where it hath pleased the kinges highnes of his moste abundante grace and goodnes, aswel vpon diuers and sundry considerations his maiestie specially moving, as also other wise to haue bargained solde chaunged or geuen and graunted by his graces seueral letters patentcs, indentures or other writings, aswel vnder his highnesse great seale, as vnder the seale of his highnesse Duchy of Lancaster, and the seale of the office of the augmentacions of his crowne, vnto diuers and sundry of his loving & obedient subiectes, diuers and sundry honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, lādes, tenementes, reues, reuerciōs, seruices, personages, appropriated aduousons liberties tithes oblations porcions, pensions, franchises, priuileges, liberttes and other hereditamentes comodities and profittes, in fee simple fee taile for terme of life, or for terme of yeres: for auoiding of which said latters patentcs and of the contentes of the same, diuers sundry and many ambiguities doubtcs & questiōs might hereafter arise be moued and stirred, aswel for misrecitall or non recital, as for diuers other matters thinges or causes to be alledged objected or innu-

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ted against the saide letters, patentes, as also for lacke of finding of offices, or inquisitions, wherby the title of his highnes therein ought to haue bene founde, befoze the makynge of the same letters patentes, or for miscetall or nonrecital of leases, as well of recorde as not of recorde, or for lacke of the certaintie of the values, or by reason of misnaminge of the honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes comprised and mentioned within the same letters patentes, or of the townes and counties, wherethe same honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes lien & bene, as for diuers and sundry other suggestions and surmises, which hereafter might happen to be moued surmised & procured against the same letters patentes: all be it the wordes in effect contained in the saide letters patentes be according to the true intent and meaning of his most royall maiestie. Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that as well al and euery the said letters patentes, indentures, or other writings and euery of them, vnder the seale or seales aboue saide, or of any of them, made or graunted by the kinges highnes, sithen the saide fourth day of february, the said. xxvii. yere of his most noble reigne as al and singuler other his graces letters patentes indentures or other writings to be had made or graunted to any person or persons within three yere next after the making of this present acte of any honours, castels, manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonties, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or of other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, sites, circuites, procinctes, landes, tenementes, personages, tithes, pensions, portions, aduousons, nominacions and al other hereditamentes and possessions, of what kinde nature or qualitie so euer they be, or by what so euer name or names they or any of them be named, known or reputed, shall stande and be good, effectual & available in the lawe of this realme to all respectes, purposes, constructions, and intentes against his maiestie his heires and successours, without any other licence, dispensacion or tollerance of the kinges highnesse his heires and successours, or of any other person or persons what so euer they be, for any thinge or thynges contained or hereafter to be contained in any suche letters, patentes, indentures or other writings: any cause consideracion or thing materiall to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

C Sauynge to all and singuler persones, bodles politike and corpozate, their heires and successours, & the heires and successours of euery of them other then his highnes his heires and successours, and the saide gouernours and gouernesses and their successours, donours, founders and patron afozenamed and their heires and successours, and al other persones claimyng in their rightes or to their vse, or in the right or to the vse of any of them, all such right title claime interest possession reuercion remainder offices, annuities, rentcharges and commons, whiche they or any of them haue ought or mought haue had in or to any of the said honours, castels, manours,

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manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, loppes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in the saide letters pntentes made, or hereafter to be made, comprised at any time before the makinge of the saide or suche letters pntentes: This acte or any thinge therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where diuers and sundrie abbottes, priories, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the saide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, haue had possessed and enioyed diuers and sundry personages, appropriated tithes, pensions, and portions, and also were acquitted and discharged of and for the payment or paymentes of tithes to be paid out or for their saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, manour, mesuages, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes. Be it therfore enacted by thauour of our souerain, that aswell the king our soueraigne lord, his heires and successors, as al and euery such person and persons, their heires and assignes, which haue or hereafter shal haue any monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other ecclesiasticall houses or places, sites, circutes, precinctes of the same, or of any of them, or any manours, mesuages, personages appropriate, tithes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, whiche belonged or appertained, or which now belong or appertaine vnto the saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religious & ecclesiasticall houses or places, or vnto any of them, shal haue hold, retaine, kepe, and enioy, aswel the saide personages appropriate, tithes, pensions, and portions of the saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, sites, circutes, precinctes, manours, meses, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, what soeuer they be, & euery of them according to their estates & titles, discharged and acquitted of paymente of tithes as freely and in as large and ample maner as the sayd late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours & gouernesses, or any of them had, helde, occupied, possessed, bled, retained, or enioyed the same, or any parcel thereof at the daies of their dissolucion, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, forfaiting, geuing by or commynge to the kinges highnes of suche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, or at the day of the dissolucion, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, geuing by or comming to the kinges highnes of any of them, this acte or any thinge therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sauinge to the kinges highnes his heires and successors all and all maner of rentes, seruices, and other duties, what so euer they be, as if this Act had neuer ben had nor made.

And

And be it further enacted by authoritie of this present parliament, that such of the saide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonties, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and all churches and chapels, to them or any of them belonging, which befoze the dissolucion suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, or fastening geving by or comynge vnto the kinges highnes, were exempted from the visitacion or visitacions, and all other iurisdiction of the ordinarie or ordinaries, within whose diocesse they were situate or set, shall from henceforth be within the iurisdiction and visitacion of the ordinarie or ordinaries, within whose diocesse they or any of them be situate and set, or within the iurisdiction and visitacion of such person or persons, as by the kinges highnes shalbe limited or appointed: this acte or any other exemption libertie or iurisdiction to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where befoze this time it hath pleased the kinges maiestie, at the contemplacion and humble petition of the right noble Thomas duke of Norfolk, to geue his royall assente of licence by his graces worde withoute any maner of letters patentes or other writing, to purchase and receiue to him & to his heires for ever, of William flatbery, late abbotte of the monastery of Sipton, in the countie of Suff. and couent of the same late monastery now beyng dissolved, all the same monastery together, with all and singuler manours, lordships, landes, tenementes, woodes, waters, commons, courts, letes, advousons, patronages, personages, vicarages, chauntries, free chapels, tithes, portions of tithes, pensions, annuities, rentes, suites, services, reuercions, remainders and all other thinges, which were the hereditamentes or the possessions of the saide late monastery, where so ever they lay or were within the realme of Englande. And in likewise our said soueraigne lord, gaue like licence by his graces worde vnto the right honorable George lord Cobham, to purchase and receiue to him and to his heires for ever, of the late maister and brethren of the colledge or chauntrie of Cobham, in the countie of Kente, now beyng utterly dissolved, the site of the same colledge or chauntrie, and all and singuler their hereditamentes and possessions, as well temporall as ecclesiasticall, where so ever they lay or were within the realme of Englande.

Be it therfoze enacted by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that the acte aboue written, or any thinge therein contained, shall not be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to the saide Duke, and lord Cobham, or to either of them, or to the heires or assignes of eyther of them, but that the same duke and lord Cobham, and either of the sondrily, and the heires & assignes of either of them, shall and may haue hold receiue and enjoy the premises by them sondrily purchased or receiued, according to the purposes and effectes of such evidences, writings & conueiances, as they or any of them sondrily haue caused to be deuised and made to them, or to theyr vives for the same. Savinge alway and reseruing to all and singuler persons and bodies politike, and to their heires and successours, other than the

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manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in the saide letters pattenres made, or hereafter to be made, comprised at any time befoze the makinge of the saide or suche letters pattenres: This acte or any thynge therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And where diuers and sundrie abbottes, priories, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the saide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, haue had possessed and enioyed diuers and sundry personages, appropriated tithes, pensions, and portions, and also were acquitted and discharged of and for the payment or paymentes of tithes to be paid out or for their saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes. Be it therfoze enacted by thau thorite a bouesaid, that aswell the king our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, as al and euery such person and persons, their heires and assignes, which haue or hereafter shal haue any monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other ecclesiasticall houses or places, sites, circutes, procinctes of the same, or of any of them, or any manours, messuages, personages appropriate, tithes, pensions, portions, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, whiche belonged or apperteyned, or which now belong or appertayne vnto the saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, or other religious & ecclesiasticall houses or places, or vnto any of them, shal haue hold retein, kepe, and enioy, aswel the saide personages appropriate, tithes, pensions, and portions of the saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, sites, circutes, procinctes, manours, messes, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, what soeuer they be, & euery of them accordyng to their estates & titles, discharged and acquitted of paymente of tithes as freely and in as large and ample maner as the sayd late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours & gouernesses, or any of them had, helde, occupied, possessed, vled, reteined, or enioyed the same, or any parcel thereof at the dates of their dissolution, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, forfaiting, geuing by or commynge to the kinges highnes of suche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colleges, hospitals, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, or at the day of the dissolution, suppression, renouncing, relinquishing, geuing by or comming to the kinges highnes of any of them, this acte or any thing therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Sauinge to the kinges highnes his heires and successours all and all maner of rentes, seruices, and other duties, what so euer they be, as if this Act had neuer ben had nor made.

And

And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that suche of the saide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nories, colleges, hospitals, houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and all churches and chapels, to them or any of them belonging, which befoze the dissolucion suppression, renouncing, relinquishing forsaking geuing by or comming unto the kinges highnes, were exempted from the visitacion or visitacions, and all other iurisdiction of the ordinarie or ordinaries, within whose diocesse they were situate or set, shall from henceforth be within the iurisdiction and visitacion of the ordinarie or ordinaries, within whose diocesse they or any of them be situate and set, or within the iurisdiction and visitacion of suche person or persons, as by the kinges highnes shalbe limited or appointed: this acte or any other exemption libertie or iurisdiction to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where befoze this time it hath pleased the kinges maiestie, at the contemplacion and humble petition of the right noble Thomas duke of Norff. to geue his royall assente of licence by his graces worde withoute any maner of letters patentes or other writing, to purchase and receiue to him & to his heires for ever, of William flatbery, late abbotte of the monastery of Sipton, in the countie of Suff. and couent of the same late monastery now beyng dissolved, all the same monastery together, with all and singular manours, lordships, landes, tenementes, woodes, waters, commons, courts, letes, aduousons, patronages, personages, vicarages, chauntries, free chapels, tithes, portions of tithes, pensions, annuities, tentes, suites, seruices, reuettions, remainders and all other thinges, which were the hereditamentes or the possessions of the saide late monastrie, where so ever they lay or were within the realme of Englande. And in likewise our said soueraigne lord, gaue like licence by his graces worde unto the right honorable George lord Cobham, to purchase and receiue to him and to his heires for ever, of the late maister and brethren of the colledge or chauntrie of Cobham, in the countie of Kente, now beyng utterly dissolved, the site of the same colledge or chauntrie, and all and singular their hereditamentes and possessions, as well temporall as ecclesiasticall, where so ever they lay or were within the realme of Englande.

Be it therfoze enacted by thaurtoritie of this present parliament, that the acte aboue written, or any thinge therein contained, shall not be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtfull to the saide Duke, and lord Cobham, or to either of them, or to the heires or assignes of eyther of them, but that the same duke and lord Cobham, and either of the sondrily, and the heires & assignes of either of them, shall and may haue hold receiue and enioy the premisses by them sondrily purchased or receiued, according to the purposes and effectes of such evidences, writings & conueiances, as they or any of them sondrily haue caused to be deuised and made to them, or to theyr vles for the same. Sauynge alway and reseruyng to all and singular persons and bodies politike, and to their heires and successours, other than the

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the said late abbotte and couent, and their successours, and the said late maister and brytherne, and their successours, and the founders of the same monasterie, or of the said colledge or chauntrie, and the heires of either of them, and all donours, graunters, or augmenters of them, or of eyther of them, and the heires and assignes of either of them, all suche rightes, titles, possessions, rentes, seruices, fees, offices, annuities, corrodies, liueties, leases and all other their such interestes, profites and commodities, as they or any of them had should or ought to haue, of to or in any of the premises sundry purchased or receiued by the said duke or lord Cobham, if this present act had neuer ben had or made, any thinge in the same acte to the contrary beyng in any wise notwithstanding.

AN ACTE FOR ABOLISHINGE OF DIVERSITIE OF OPINIONS IN CER- TAINE ARTICLES CONCERNING CHRISTEN RELIGION.

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Where the kynges most excellēt maiestie is by gods law supreme hed immediately vnder him of this whole church and congregacion of England, intending the conseruacion of the same church and congregacion in a true sincere and vniforme doctrine of christes religio, calling also to his blessed and most gracious remembrance, as wel þe greates and quiet assurance, prosperous increace, & other innumerable commodities, whiche haue euer issued come and folowed of con corde agreemente & vnitie in opinions, as also the manifolde perils, daungers, and inconueni- ences, whiche haue heretofore in many places and regions, especially of matters of christen religion: & therfore desiring, that such an vnitie might and should be charitably established in all thinges touchynge and concer- ning the same, as the same so beyng established might chiefly be to the ho- nour of almightie god, the very authoz and fountaine of al true vnitie and sincer con corde, and consequently redounde to the common wealth of this his highnes most noble realme, and of all his louing subiectes, and other resiauntes and inhabitauntes of or in the same: hath therfore caused and commaunded this his moste highe courte of Parliament, for sundry and many vrgente causes and considerations, to bee at this time summoned, and also a Synode and conuocation of all the archebishoppes, bishoppes, and other lerned men of the clergie of this his realme, to be in like maner assembled.

And

And for as muche as in the saide parliamente Synode and conuocation there were certaine articles, matters, and questions proponed and set forth touchynge christen religion, that is to say. Firste whether in the most blessed Sacramente of the altre remaineth after the consecracion, the substance of breade and wyne, or no. Secondely, whether it be necessary by godes lawe, that al men should be communicate with bothe kindes or no. Thirdly, whether priestes, that is to say, men dedicate to god by priest-hood, may by the lawe of God, marie after or no. Fourthly, whether bowe of chastitie or widowed, made to god aduised by man or woman, be by the lawe of god to be obserued, or no. Fiftely, whether priuate Masses stand with the lawe of god, and be to be vled and continued in the churche and congregacion of Englande, as thinges whereby good christen people may and do receiue bothe godly consolacion, and hollome benefites or no. Sixtly, whether Auricular confession is necessary to be reteined, continued, vled, and frequented in the churche, or no. The kinges moste royall maiestie, moste prudently pondring and considerynge, that by occasion of variable and sundrie opinions and iudgements of the saide articles great disorde and variaunce hath arisen, as well amongst the clergie of this his realme, as amongst a greate number of the bulgar people, his louyng subiectes of the same: And beyng in a full hope and trust, that a full and perfecte resolution of the saide articles, should make a perfect concord and vnitee generally aminges all his louing and obedient subiectes, of his moste excellent goodnes not onely commaunded, that the saide articles shoulde deliberately and aduisedly, by his saide archbishops, bishops, and other learned men of his clergie, be debated, argued, and reasoned, and their opinions therein to be vnderstande, declared, and knownen, but also moste graciously vouchesaue: in his owne princely person, to discende and come vnto his saide high courte of Parliament and counsell, and there like a prince of moste highe prudence, and no lesse learnynge, opened and declared many thinges of high learning and greate knowledge, touchynge the saide articles, matters and questions, for an vnitee to bee had in the same. Whereupon after a greate and longe deliberate and aduised disputation and consultation had and made, concernynge the saide articles, as well by the consent of the kinges highnesse, as by the assent of the Lordes spiritnall and temporall, and other learned men of his clergie in their conuocations, and by the consent of the commons in this present parliamente assembled, it was and is finally resolved accorded and agreed in maner & forme folowynge, that is to say. ¶ First, that in the moste blessed sacrament of the altare, by the strength and efficacy of christes mightie wordes (it beyng spoken by the priest) is present really vnder the forme of breade and wyne, the naturall body and bloud of our sauour Iesu Christe, conceived of the virgin Mary: And that after the consecracion there remaineth no substance of breade or wyne, nor any other substance, but the substance of christe, god and man.

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Secondly, that communion in both kindes, is not necessary Ad salutem by the lawe of god to all persons, And that it is to be beleued and not doubted of, but that in the fleshe, vnder the fourme of bread, is the very bloud, and with the bloud, vnder fourme of wine, is the very fleshe aswel apart as though they were both together.

Thirdely that priestes, after the order of priesthode receiued, as afoze, maie not marie by the lawe of God.

Fourthely, that bowes of chastitie or wydowheade, by man or woman made to god aduisedly, ought to be obserued by the lawe of God: and that it exemteth them from the liberties of Christen people, whiche withoute that they might enioye.

Fiftely, that it is mete and necessary, that priuate masses bee continued and admitted in this the kinges Englishe church and congregation, as wherby good Christen people, ordering them selues accordingly, do receiue both godly and goodly consolacions and benefites: and it is agreeable also to gods lawe.

Sixtly, that Auricular confession is expedient and necessary to be retained and continued bled and frequented in the church of god. For the whiche most godly study payne and trauaile of his maiestie, and determination and resolution of the premisses, his moste humble & obedient subiettes, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, not onely tendre and geue vnto his highnes their moste high and hartie thanks, & thinke them selues most bounden, to pray for the longe continuance of his graces moste royal estate, but also being desirous, that his moste godly enterpryse maie bee well accomplished and broughte to a full ende and perfection, and so established, that the same might be to the honour of god, and after to the common quiete vniue and concord to be had in the hole bodie of this realme for euer. Moste humbly beseechen his roiall maiestie, that the resolution and determination aboue written of the saide articles, maie be established and perpetually perfited by auctoritie of this present parliament, It is therfore ordeined and enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons within this realme of Englande, or anie other the kinges dominions, after the .xii. Date of July next comming, by woꝛde, writing, impzintinge, cistinge, or in anie other wise, do publishe, preache, teache, say, affirme, declare, dispute, argue, or holde any opinion, that in the blessed Sacrament of the altare, vnder fourme of bred and wine (after the consecracion therof) there is not present, really, & naturall bodie & bloude of our sauour Jesu Christ, conceived of the virgin Marie or that after the said consecracion, there remaineth any substance of bread or wine or any other substance, but the substance of Christ: God and man. Or after the tyme aboue saide, publishe, preache, teache, say, affirme, declare, dispute, argue or holde opinion, that in the fleshe,

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vnder fourme of bred, is not the verie bloud of Christe. Or that with the
 bloude, vnder the fourme of wine, is not the verie fleshe of Christ aswell
 aparte as though they were both together. Or by any the meanes aboue
 saide, or otherwise, preache, teache, declare, or affirme the saide Sacra-
 ment to be of other substance, than is aboue saide, or by anie meane con-
 tempne depzaue or despise the saide blessed Sacramente: that then euery
 suche person and persons, so offending, their aidours, conforters counsa-
 lours, consentours, and abbettours, therein, beyng thereof conuicted in
 fourme vnder written, by the auctoritie aboue saide, shalbe deined and ad-
 iudged heretikes. And that euery such offence, shalbe adiudged manifeste
 heresie. And that euery such offendour and offendours, shal therefore haue
 and suffre iudgementes execution peine and peines of death, by way of bur-
 nyng without any abiuracion clergie of Saintuaty, to be therfore permit-
 ted had allowed admitted, or suffered. And also shal therfore forsaite and
 lese to the kinges highenes, his heires and successours, al his or their ho-
 nours manours, castelles, landes tenementes, rentes, reuerfions, serui-
 les possessions, and all other his or their hereditamentes goodes and cat-
 tals, sermes and freholdes, what so euer they be, which any suche offender
 or offenders shal haue at the time of anie such offence or offences, commit-
 ted or done, or at any time after, as in cases of high treason.
 ¶ And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parlia-
 ment, that if any person or persons, after the saide. xii. day of July, preache
 in any sermon or collacion, openly made to the kinges pleople, or teache
 in anye common scole, or to other congregacion of people, or beyng called
 before suche iudges, and accoordinge to suche fourme of the lawe, as heres-
 after shalbe declared, dooe obstinately affirme, bpholde mainteine, or des-
 sende: that the communion of the said blessed Sacrament in bothe kyn-
 des, that is to saie, in fourme of bread and also of wine, is necessary for the
 helthe of mans soule, to be geuen or ministred, or ought or should be geuen
 or ministred to any person in bothe kindes. Or that it is necessary so to be
 receiued or taken by any person (other than by priestes beyng at Masse,
 and consecrating the same) Or that any man, after the order of priesthode
 receiued (as afoze saide) maie marie, or maie contracte matrimonie. Or if
 any man or woman, whiche aduisedly hath bowed, or professed, or shuld
 bowe or professe chastitie or widowhed, maie mary, or may contracte ma-
 trimonie. Or that priuate masses be not lawfull, or not lawdable, or shuld
 not be celebrated had nor vled in this realme, nor be not agreable to the la-
 wes of God. Or that auricular confession is not expediente and necessarie
 to be reteined and continued, vled & frequented in the churche of God. Or
 if any priest, after the saide. xii. day of July, or any other man or woman,
 whiche aduisedly hath bowed, or after the saide date aduisedly dooe bowe
 chastitie or widowhed, do actually mary or contract matrimony with any
 person, that then all and euery person and persons, so preaching, teaching
 obstinately affirminge, bpholdinginge, mainteininge, or defendinge, or ma-
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kynges marriage or contract of matrimonie, as is above specified, be and shalbe, by auctoritie above written, deemed and iudged a felon and felons. And that euerie offender in the same, beinge therfore duly convicted or attainted by the lawes vnder written, shal therfore suffice penies of death, as in cases of felonie, without any benefite of clergie, or priuilege of churche or sanctuarie, to him or hit to be allowed in that behalfe. And shal forfeite all his or hit landes and goodes, as in cases of felonie. And that it shal be laful to the patron or patrones of anie maner of benefice, which any such offendour at the time of his saide conviction or attainer had, to present one other to incumbe therunto, as if the same person, so convicted or attainted, had bene bodily deceased.

Also be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if anie person or persones, after the said. xx. daie of July, by woorde, writing, printing, cyphringe, or otherwise than is above rehearsed, publike declare or holde opinion, that the saide communion of the blessed Sacrament, in both kindes aforesaide, is necessary for the helth of mans soule to be geuen or ministered in both kindes, and so ought or shoulde be geuen and ministered to any person, or ought or shoulde be so in bothe kindes receiued or taken by any person, other than by priestes being at Masse, and consecrating the same, as is aforesaide. Or that anie man, after the order of priesthode receiued, as is aforesaide, maie marie, or maie make contracte of matrimony. Or that any man or woman, which aduisedly hath made or shal make a vowe to God of chastite or wydowhed, maie marie, or maie make contract of matrimonie. Or that priuate Masses, be not lafull or not laudable, or shoulde not be celebrated had or bled, nor be agreeable to the lawes of God. Or that auricular confession is not expediente and necessarie to be reteined and continued, bled and frequented in the church of god: euerie person, beinge for anie suche offence betwixke convicted or attainted by the lawes vnder written, shal forfeite and lose to the kinge our soueraign lord all his goodes and cattalles for ever, and also the profits of al his landes tenementes annuities fees and offices during his lyfe, and al his benefices & spirituall promotions shal be utterly void: And also shal suffice imprisonment of his bodie at the will and pleasure of our saide soueraigne lord the kinge. And if anie suche person or persons, being ones convicted of anie the offences mencioned in this article, as is above saide, dooe afterwarde esteemes offende in anie of the same, and be therof accused indited or presented & convict again by auctoritie of the lawes vnder written, that then euery such person and persons, so beinge twise convicted and attainted of the saide offences, or of any of them, shal be adiudged a felon and felons and shal suffice iudgement execution and penies of death, losse and forfeiture of landes and goodes, as in cases of felonie, without any priuilege of clergie or sanctuarie to be in any wise permitted admitted or allowed in that behalfe.

Be it further enacted, by the auctoritie above saide, that if anie person

whiche is or hath bene a priest before this present parliament, or during the time of session of the same hath married, and hath made any contract of matrimony with any woman, or that any man or woman, which before the makinge of this acte, aduisedly hath bowed chastite or widowhede, before this present parliament, or during the session of the same, hath married and contracte matrimonie with any person, that then every such marriage and contracte of matrimonie shalbe utterly boide and of nouse effecte, And that the ordinaries, within whose diocesse or iurisdiccions the person or personnes so married or contracted, is or be residente or abidinge, shall from time to time make separacion and deuozces of the said marriages and contractes.

And further it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any man, whiche is or hath bene priest, as is aforesaide, at any time from or after the saide. xii. daie of July next comyng, dooe carnally kepe or vse any woman to whom he is or hath bene married, or with whom he hath contracted matrimony, or openly be conuersant, kepe companie or familiaritie with any suche woman, to the euill example of other persons, euerie such carnal vse copulacion open conuersacion keeping of company and familiaritie, be and shalbe demed and adiudged felonie, as well against the man as the woman and that euerie suche person so offending, shalbe enquired of, tried, punished suffice lose and forfait al and euerie thing and things as other felons made and declared by this acte, and as in case of felonie as is aforesaide.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide (not geuyng advantage or detriment to any article afoze rehearsed, that if any man, which is or hath ben priest, or hereafter shalbe, at any time after the said. xii. day of July, do carnally vse and accustome any woman, or kepe hir as his concubine, as by paynge for hir bourde, mainteining hir with money arrais or any other giftes or meanes, to the euill example of other persons, that than every such offendour beyng therof duly conuicted or attainted by the lawes mencioned in this acte, shalforfaite and lose al his goodes and cattalles, benefices, prebendes, and other spiritual promocios and dignities, and also shall haue and suffice imprisonment of his bodie at the kinges wil and pleasure. And that euerie of the said benefices prebendes & other promocios and dignities shalbe to all intentes and purposes utterly boide, as if the said offender had resigned or permutted. And if any such offender or offenders at any time after the saide conuiction or atteinder, eftsones committe do or perpetrate the saide offences, or any of them, next afoze rehearsed, and be thereof dewely conuicted or attainted by the lawes aforesaide, that then all and euerie suche offence and offences shal be demed & adiudged felony: and the offender or offenders therein shall suffice peynes of death, and lose and forfait al his and their goodes, landes, and tenementos, as in cases of felonie, without hauinge any benefite of clergie or sanctuarie.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that those women with

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with whom all and singuler of the foresaide priestes shall in any of the foresaide waies haue to do with, or carnally knowe, as is aforesayde shall haue lyke punishment as the priestes.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee abovesaide, that if any person or persons, at any time hereafter, contempne or contemptuously, refuse deny or abstaine to be confessed at any time commonly accustomed with in this realme and churche of Englande, or contempte, or contemptuously refuse deny or abstaine to receiue the holy and blessed sacramēt abovesaide, at the time commonly vled and accustomed for the same: that than euery suche offender, being therof duely conuicted or atteinted by the lawes vnder written, shall suffre suche imprisonment, and make such fine and ransom to the king our soueraigne lord and his heires, as by his highnes, or by his or their counsel shalbe ordered and adiudged in that behalf. And if any such offendour or offendours, at any time or times after the sayde conuiction or atteinder so had, do eschew contempne, or contemptuously refuse deny or abstaine to be confessed, or to be communicate in maner and fourme aboue written, and be therof duely conuicted or atteinted by the lawes vnder written: that than euery such offence shalbe deemed and adiudged felony, and the offendour or offendours therein shall suffre paines of death, and lose and forfait all his and their goodes, landes & tenementes, as in cases of felony.

¶ And for full and effectuell execution of the p̄misses befoze deuised, or deined and enacted by this acte. Be it furthermoze enacted by the auctoritee of this p̄sent parliament, that immediately after the sayde. xii. day of July next comming, sundry commissions shall be made, from time to time, in to euery shire of this realme and Wales, and in and to suche other places within the kinges dominions, as shall please his maiestie, to be directed to the archebishop or bishop of the diocesse, and to his chauncellour or commissary, and to suche other persons, as shalbe named by his highnes, or by such other as his maiestie at his pleasure shall appoint to name the same: which archebishop or bishop, his chauncellour or commissary, & other persons so to be named, or thre of them at the least, wherof the archebishop or bishop, or his chauncellour or commissary to be one, shall holde and keepe their sessions within the limittes of their commission foure seuerall times of the yere at the leaste, or oftener, if they shall thinke it expediente by their discrecions, and shall haue power and auctoritee, by vertue of this act, and their said commission, as well to take information and accusation by the othes and depolitions of two able and lawfull persons at the least, as to enquer by the othes of. xii. men, of all and singuler the heresies, felonies contempnes, and other offences aboue written, committed done or perpetrated within the limittes of their cōmission. And that euery such accusation, & information cōteining the matter names surnames & dwelling places of the offenders, & the day yere place and county whan and wherin their offences were cōmitted, shalbe of as good force & effecte in the law, as if the matter

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And neuerthelesse it is further enacted, that euery of the saide archbishops and bishops, and euery of their chauncellours commissaries archdeacons and other ordinaries, hauing anie peculiar ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this realme or in wales, or in any other the kinges dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, aswell to enquire in their visitacions & Senis as there & els where within their iurisdiccions, at any other time or place, to take accusacions and informacions, as is aforesaide, of the heresies felonies contemptes and offences aboue mencioned, done committed or perpetrate within the lymittes of their iurisdiction & auctorities, And that euery such accusacions information and presentment, so taken or had as is aforesaide, shall bee of as good force and effecte, as if the matter therin conteined, had bene presented before the iustices of peace in their sessions. And also that iustices of peace in their sessions, and euery steward vndersteward & deputie of steward, of anie lete or lawdaie, in their lete or lawdaies shall haue lyke power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire by the othes of .xii. lawful men, of al and singular the heresies felonies contemptes and other offences aboue written done perpetrate or committed within the lymittes of their commissions and authoritees.
And it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that euery such person or personnes afore whom anie presentemente informacion or accusation shalbe made & taken, as is aforesaide, shall examine the accusours, what other witnes were by and presente at the time of doing and committing of the offence, wherof the informacion accusation or presentmente shalbe made: and howe many other then the accusours haue knowlage therof. And shall haue power and auctoritie to binde by recognisance: to be taken afore them, as well the said accusours, as all such other persons whom the same accusours shall declare to haue knowlage of the offences by them presented or informed, euery of them in .v. li. to the kynge our soueraigne lord, to appere before the commissioners, afore whom the offendour or offendours shalbe tried, at the daie of the triall of suche offendours. And that all and singular inditeementes presentments accusacions informacions and recognisaunces, taken and had as is aforesaide, within .xx. daies next after the taking of the same, shalbe certified in due forme by writinge vpon parchement, by the taker or takers thereof, vnder his or their seales vnto anie one of the saide commissioners to be appointed as is aforesaide within the lymittes of whose commission, the heresies felonies contemptes and offences, wherof anie such presentmente inditeemente informacion or accusation shalbe taken or had, as is aboue written, shall be committed done and perpetrat. And if any persō or persons, which hereafter shall happen to take any such accusation informacion presentmente or recognisaunces as is abouesaide, do make defaulte of the certificat therof contrary to the fourme aboue rehersed: that than euery person and persons

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sons so offending, shall forfeite to our soueraigne lord the kynge for every such default .x. li.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abovesaide, that the sayde commissioners, or thre of them at the least, as is abovesaide, by vertue of this act and their commission, shall have full power & auctoritie, to make like processe against every person or persons, indited presented or accused, in forme as is aboue remembred, as is used & accustomed in cases of felony, & that as well within the limittes of their commission, as into al other shires and places of the realme Wales and other the kynges dominions, as well within liberties as without: and the same processe to be good and effectuell in the lawe as in cases of felony: And upon the apparace of any of the offendours, shall have full power and auctoritie, by vertue of this acte, and the saide commission, to here and determine the foresaid heretofore felonies contemptes or other offences, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, and the effectes of this acte.

¶ And it is also enacted, by the auctoritie abovesaide that every of the saide commissioners, upon any suche accusation presentment or information, shall endeavour him selfe effectually, without affection dyed or corruption to apprehende, & take the offendours: & after the apprehencion of any suche offender or offenders, shall have full power and auctoritie to commit them to warde. And that the said commissioners, or two of them at the least shall have full power and auctoritie, to let any person or persons so accused or presented, upon sufficient sureties by their discrecions, to baile, for their apparance to be tried according to the tenour fourme and effecte of this acte.

¶ And further it is enacted by the auctoritie abovesaide, that if any person or persons, whiche hereafter shalbe named and assigned, to be commissioner or commissioners, as is abovesaide, be accused, indited, or presented of or for any the offences aboue written, that than all and every suche commissioner or commissioners, so accused indited and presented, shall be examined, put to answer, and tried of and upon any suche offence, according to the tenour and effect of this acte, before such other person or persons, as it shal please the kynges highnes to name assigne and appoint by his graces commission, to here and determine the same.

¶ And it is further enacted, by the auctoritie abovesaide, that no person nor persons, which at any time hereafter, shalbe accused indited or presented, as is abovesaid, shalbe admitted to the chalenge of any person or persons, which shalbe impanelled for the triall of his or their offence for any matter or cause, other than for malice or enmitie, which chalenge shal forthwith be tried in like maner as other chalenges be used to be tried in cases of felony.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie abovesaid, that all forcine plees, triable by the countrey, which at any time hereafter shal be pleaded by any person or persons hereafter to be arraigned or put to answer upon any

any accusacion inditement or presentment, or for any of the offences above specified, or of or for any of them: shalbe tried before the same commissioners, afoze whom such person or persons shalbe attained or put to answer and by the iurours that shal trie the saide offence or offences, without any further respecte or delay.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee abovesaide, that all mayres sheriffes stewardes, bailiffes of liberties, gaolers, and other officers and ministers, of what name degree or condicion so euer they bee, and euery of them shal from time to time truly and diligently receiue and serue al & al maner the proces preceptes and commandementes to them or any of them by the saide commissioners or any of them to be made geuen or directed, touching or concerning the premisses, or any parcell therof, and shal also from time to time be obedient and attendaunte vnto the saide commissioners for the time beyng, for the due execution of this present acte, or of any thing therein contained.

¶ And it is also enacted, that euery person, whiche shal be named to bee commissioner in the saide commission, after that he hath knowlege therof shal effectually put his diligence and attendance in and about the execution of the saide commission: and before that he shal take vpon him the execution of the same commission, shal take a corporall othe before the lord Chauncellour of Englande for the time beyng, or before him or them, to whom, the said lord Chauncellour shal directe the kynges writ of Dedimus potestatem, to take the same. The tenour of which oth herewith.

¶ We shal swere, that ye to your cunning witte and power shal truly & indifferently execute the auctoritee to you geuen by the kynges commissiō made for correction of heretikes and other offenders, mencioned in y^e same commission, without any fauour affection corrupcion or malice to be bozne to any person or persons, as god you helpe and all saintes.

¶ And in case that any of the saide persones named to bee commissioners refuse to take the saide othe, or willingly absent or aloigne him selfe from the taking of the said othe: than euery suche persone so offendynge, and the same offence extreted or certified into the kynges eschequer by the sayd lord chauncellour, or by him or them, to whome any suche writte of Dedimus potestatem, as is aforesaid, shalbe directed, shal forfait and lose to our saide soueraigne lord the king, for euery time so offendynge, five markes of lawfull money.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritee abovesaide, that the saide commissioners and euery of them shal from time to time haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this acte, to take into his or their keepynge and possession, all and all maner of bookes, which bene and hath bene or hereafter shalbe set forth red and declared within this realme, or other y^e kynges dominions, wherin is or bene contained or comprised any clause article matter or sentence, repugnant or contrary to the tenour forme or effecte of this present

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present acte, or any of the articles contained in the same, and the said commissioners, or three of them at the least, to bourn or otherwise destroy the said bookes or any parte of them, as unto the said commissioners, or unto three of them at the least, shalbe thought expedient by their discrecions.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that every person vicar curate or parish priest of every parish church within this realme, or other the kinges dominions or his or their deputie, upon the sonday next after the first day of September next ensuyng, and so from thensforth ones in every quarter of the yere at the least, shall openly plainly and distinctly rede this present acte in the parish church, where he is person vicar curate parish priest or deputie, unto his or their parishens then assembled together, to here devine service. And that every such person, vicar, curate, or parish priest, makynge defaulte of reding this acte, contrary to the fourme aforesaid, shall forfait unto our said soueraigne lord, his heires or successours, for every such defaulte. xl. s. sterlinge. Savynge to all and singuler person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of every of them, (other then al and singuler such person and persons, that shalbe hereafter convicted or atteinted of or for any of the offences or contemptes aboue specified, theyr heires and successours, and the heires and successours of every of them) all such right title claime interest entre possession, rentes, reversiones, fees, annuities commons offices, profits and demandes what so ever, as they or any of them have, or than at the tyme of the said conviction or atteinder had shall have or in or to any honours, castles, lordships, manours, landes, tenementes, liberties, franchises advowson or other hereditamentes, whiche any such person or persons, beyng so convicted or atteinted, as aforesaid, had or were intituled to have at the tyme of their offence or offences committed, or at any tyme after: and that in as ample maner fourme and condition, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this act had never be had nor made, any thinge contained in this acte to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway, that the lordes shall not have ne clayme any eschetes of any offendour or offendours, that shalbe iudged to be burned by auctorite of this acte.

¶ And because dispucions and doubttes might perhappes ryle hereafter upon the wordes in this act, that is to say, advisedly made to God: Be it therfore provided and enacted, by auctorite aforesaid, that these wordes in the acte, that is to say, advisedly made to god, for bowes of chastitie or boydowed, shalbe al onely taken expounded & interpreted, to binde such person or persons, and none other, savynge priestes, to & by the same which at the tyme of any of their so bowing, beyng thereto admitted, were or shalbe of the age of. xxi. yeres or aboue, and then did or do consente submit them selfe or condiscende to the same, and continue or continued in ob-
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